

INDIANA UNIVERSITY EAST
2006-07 FACULTY SENATE
February 6, 2007
Whitewater Hall – 132
11:00AM

Presiding: Markus Pomper, Faculty Senate President

Present: Armstead, S.; Baldwin, L.; Barton, G.; Battraw, J.; Baumann, P.; Bergen, M.; Bingaman, R.; Blakefield, M.; Boys, S.; Branstrator, P.; Breymier, T.; Bullock, D.; Chang, W.; Clark, K.; Connerly, P.; Cooksey, A.; Curry, M.; Desantis, K.; Doerger, D.; Fell, M.; Felton, K.; Fitzgerald, E.; Folkerth, M.; Frantz, D.; Fulton, D.; Harper, J.; Helton, E.; Henderson, T.; Jayasuriya, K.; Kirk, B.; Kriese, P.; Lafuze, J.; Lemming, E.; Ludlum Foos, C.; Lundy, D.; Mahaffey, J.; Meadow, L.; Morse, M.; Nishihara, L.; Passet, J.; Peacock, F.; Pomper, M.; Rao, V.; Richards, L.; Rivard, T.; Sabine, N.; Scott, W.; Simon, J.; Slattery, E.; Stanforth, D.; Stolle, C.; Watkins, M.; Weber, G.; Wilde, J.; Williamson, M.; Winburn, E.

Absent: Baker, D.; Beck, V.; Bow, C.; Braxton-Brown, G.; Buckner, B.; Clapp-Itnyre, A.; Cowling, J.; Dempsey, K.; Dhawale, K.; Foos, M.; Huffman, E.; Humphries, P.; Knuths, J.; Kreamelmeyer, K.; McFadden, B.; McFadden, S.; Naeke, A.; Osgood, T.; Ramsey, R.; Rankin, S.; Roberts, M.; Roswell, R.; Scales, T.; Seddighin, M.; Shapiro, S.; Thomas, T.; Thomas-Evans, M.; Tolley, R.

Call to order

Quorum was reached and the meeting was called to order at 11:05am by Markus Pomper, Faculty Senate President.

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes for the December 5, 2006 meeting was presented. The minutes were approved as presented.

II. President's Report

The Indiana University East Campus Review Committee has been appointed and consists mainly of high level administrators along with Matt Marshall and Markus Pomper. Charlie Nelms is the committee chair.

Charlie has appointed three subcommittees: Academic Programs and Enrollment with Markus Pomper; Organizational Structure and Business Practice with Matt Marshall and Cathy Foos; and Community Support.

According to Charlie no decisions have been made regarding the campus leadership.

The Campus Athletics Committee is being chaired by Neil Sabine. The Committee is expected to present a discussion item at the next meeting and possibly a voting item for the meeting after that.

General Education Curriculum has been submitted to UFC. They have embedded it with the GE from the other campuses General Education Curriculum and it was presented to the Board of Trustees. There are differences because of Mission Differentiation but courses are transferable across campuses. The Board praised the effort but express doubt that Bloomington will implement it.

In January we had a mini retreat regarding Learning Communities. As the result a group has been working to schedule five learning communities centered around MATH M007, ENG W131 and Freshman Seminar with another course here or there. Some of the Learning Communities are for full time students, some for part time and some for evening students. The hope is that there is something for everyone.

Ben Young is resigning at the end of the month and is starting a position at Ivy Tech in Indianapolis. It was moved that the Senate express a resolution of thanks for Dr. Young's service to the IU East campus. It was recommended that Markus Pomper, as Senate President, make a statement on behalf of the faculty.

III. Standing Committees

A. Nominating Committee – Beth Slattery

Faculty Senate President - Markus Pomper turned the meeting over to Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, Laverne Nishihara.

Markus Pomper was nominated to remain the IUE Faculty Senate President for the 2007-2008 term. No additional nominees were presented from the floor. Markus was reelected without opposition. After the election, the meeting was turned over to Markus Pomper.

University Faculty Council - David Frantz was nominated to remain the UFC Representative for the 2007-2008 term. No additional nominees were presented from the floor. David was reelected without opposition.

B. AAA Committee – Michelle Curry

Student Appeals Hearings: Fourteen student appeals were heard: nine were granted, six of the nine were granted with stipulations, and five suspensions were upheld.

C. Curriculum Committee – Greg Weber

Voting item - A program change to the B.S. in Elementary Education was presented in Circular E22-07. To provide Elementary Education majors with dual certification for teaching K-6 and mild intervention. The change involves some additional courses and some course reductions.

Discussion:

A motion to send the proposal back to the Curriculum Committee to allow for discussion between departments about the proposed changes (specifically credit hour reductions) was made. The motion was seconded.

Discussion of motion:

- The Education Department is working within a state timeline. It would help to be able to move forward to be able to meet the appropriate deadlines. The proposal is comparable to the same program on other campuses.
- Not a matter of whether we should move forward with the proposal it's a matter of implementing the changes.
- If we wait to vote at the next meeting will we miss the deadline? The TEC schedule is first come first serve.
- One concern is that the reduction in credits requires a significant curriculum change to the courses affected. Is there another way to accomplish the same goal?
- Could we vote online to allow for a quicker turn around giving the departments affected time to discuss the matters at hand? Is a two week turn around realistic?
- What happens if we vote the proposal down? The proposal could be brought back at any time. Can we look at alternatives?
- Members of the Education Department are the experts. We should allow them to make the call.
- Curriculum Committee Chair assumed the leg work had been done when it received the proposal from education. The departments thought the Committee took care of it.

The motion to send the proposal back to the Curriculum Committee with the possibility to vote electronically passed with opposition. It was recommended an open meeting be held to allow for discussion of the concerns.

Voting item – A program change to the B.S. in Secondary Education was presented in Circular E23-07.

Discussion: Concern was expressed regarding the elimination of the Children’s Health Issues course. Education acknowledged the concerns and stated they have carefully considered the issues at hand. The needs of eliminated courses will be covered in other courses. This proposal is not parallel to the previously considered proposal.

The motion to approve the propose program change as presented in Circular E23-07 passed without opposition.

Voting item – Title changes to the Technical Communication Degrees to make the minor, certificate and degree program titles consistent as presented in Circular E24-07.

Change in title: Minor in Technical Communication to
Minor in Technical and Professional Writing

Certificate in Technical Communication to

Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing

Degree focus name: B.A. in English – Technical and Professional Writing

The motion to approve the title changes as presented in Circular E24-07 passed without opposition.

D. Workload Committee – Jerome Mahaffey

Second reading and voting item – Amendment of Bylaws to dissolve the Workload Committee as presented in Circular E20-07.

Discussion:

- It was suggested that FAC could address fairness issues, possibly with a motion to add to the charge of the year to year charge of the committee.
- How will release time be publicized if the Workload Committee is dissolved? The issue has not been resolved. Larry Richards offered to submit a report every spring about reassigned time campus wide.
- HFA charged the chair with proposing a divisional workload release policy. Important for divisions to have a workload policy, possibly driven by AAC that would be public to the other divisions and affected faculty.
- Concerned about workload issues especially with a shift toward online courses. Some “body” should address the issues to encourage consistency across the divisions.
- We admit we have a workload problem, we have a workload committee, but the committee hasn’t been able to eliminate the problem.
- Open communication between division chairs and the VCAA may help solve the problem.
- Workload Committee is the only “watch dog” committee. Others set policy. If workload was a policy making committee it might work. They’re working as an Administrative Committee rather than a Senate Committee if we change the charge it might work.
- Are we giving workload completely over to administration?
- Faculty members need some court of appeal if there’s a problem. The committee could exercise some assertive action if they chose to.
- The committee members feel they do not have the authority or appropriate qualifications to make the decisions they are charged to make.

A motion was made to call the question. The motion passed with one opposed.

The motion to amend the Bylaws and dissolve the Workload Committee passed with opposition.

IV. Chancellor’s Report

Faculty workload and efficiency on campus are related. If the faculty want to have some role in helping those who will be responsible improve the efficiency on the campus some mechanism needs to be in place.

The Task Force is in motion. The budgetary side is being worked on. We have a meeting with Steve Kutcher from the budget office to put the final touches on the way of looking at the campus budget. That will be shared with the Budgetary Affairs Committee.

The Noel-Levitz representative has been here. If you would like to see a copy of the report contact Rena to have it e-mailed to you. Two conclusions reached: 1) define who are and market it 2) we need to implement a meaningful enrollment strategy and implement it.

We've spent more time the last few years trying to find who are. There is a dichotomy on this campus: that we talk like we're a 4-year institution with selected master's degrees but we do not act like it. We act like a community college because we maintain the traditions and attitudes of the past. We need to act like a four year institution.

A contract will be written for Noel-Levitz to conduct a market study to find out what the market is for our offerings. (The community isn't sure what it needs either: community college or 4-year institution.)

Work with marketing and recruiting folks to increase fall enrollments. Applications for fall admissions are up by 25%.

Institutional Action Plan has been completed and e-mailed out. The final draft has been approved and will be submitted to the task force. Thank you to Jerry Wilde and the committee for their work on the Plan.

Congratulations to Tim Scales and David Frantz for the \$130K grant from the Regional Workforce Development Corp for the Business Division to do work in developing entrepreneurship competition for regional high schools and helping them implement it.

Congratulations to Mary Blakefield as a member of Life Sciences Task Force. She received another grant from the Economic Development Corporation for two interns (nursing students) who will work on investigation in a clinical trial research facility here.

The Trustees met and received a letter from IUPUI regarding Mission Differentiation. So the discussion is not over.

The Trustees have decided all IU campuses will go smoke-free by October 1st at the urging of Phil Esque. They have asked for procedures to be submitted by each of the campuses. IU East is ahead of the game since we went smoke-free earlier this year.

V. Academic Affairs Report – Larry Richards

The Indiana Commission of Higher Education has asked the Legislature for permission to develop standard numbering of courses throughout all higher education institutions in the state. Some other states do it so it's not that extreme.

The Commission has asked the Legislature to have permission to create a standard general education curriculum for all public institutions in the state.

The Commission has asked the Legislature to give them permission to close programs at their own volition.

Legislation has been introduced to add two legislators to the Board of Trustees. They are non-voting members but they would be members of the board.

VI. New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned 12:15pm.