

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY EAST  
2007-08 FACULTY SENATE  
February 5, 2008  
Whitewater Hall Room 132  
11:00 AM**

**Presiding:** Markus Pomper, Faculty Senate President

*Present:* Baker, D.; Baldwin, L.; Barton, G.; Baumann, P.; Beach, D.; Beck, V.; Blakefield, M.; Bingaman, R.; Branstrator, P.; Braxton-Brown, G.; Bullock, D.; Chang, W.; Clark, K.; Curry, M.; Dempsey, K.; Desantis, K.; Dulemba, L.; Fell, M.; Felton, K.; Folkerth, M.; Frantz, D.; Harper, J.; Helton, E.; Henderson, T.; Humphries, P.; Kirk, B.; Kriese, P.; Kunshek, R.; Lafuze, J.; Mahaffey, J.; Maurer, J.; Morse, M.; Nishihara, L.; Passet, J.; Paydar, N.; Pomper, M.; Ramsey, R.; Rankin, S.; Rao, V.; Richards, L.; Rivard, T.; Roswell, R.; Sabine, N.; Scales, T.; Scane, M.; Scott, W.; Seddighin, M.; Shapiro, S.; Shyan-Norwalt, M.; Slattery, E.; Stolle, C.; Watkins, M.; Weber, G.; Whitt, P.; Wilde, J.; Williamson, M.

*Absent:* Armstead, S.; Battraw, J.; Bergen, M.; Bow, C.; Breymier, T.; Buckner, B.; Clapp-Itynre, A.; Cooksey, A.; Dhawale, K.; Fitzgerald, E.; Huffman, E.; Jayasuriya, K.; Knuths, J.; Ludlum Foos, C.; Lundy, D.; McFadden, B.; McFadden, S.; Osgood, T.; Peacock, F.; Roberts, M.; Simon, J.; Stanforth, D.; Thomas, T.; Thomas-Evans, M.; Tolley, R.; Winburn, E.; Winton, K.

*Guests:* Dennis Hicks, *Registrar*

**Call to order**

Quorum was reached and the meeting was called to order at 11:02am by Markus Pomper, Faculty Senate President.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes for the December 4, 2007 meeting was made. The minutes were approved as presented.

**II. President's Report**

UFC business –

The P&T document from David Malik's office that was originally listed as "policy" has been downgraded to a "report". After his visits to the regional campuses two of the other campuses have put a resolution on the UFC agenda asking for an official resolution stopping the document. The fact that this document was under discussion was news to President McRobbie since he has not been able to attend the last few meetings. He asked for time to become familiar with the document and address the matter appropriately. Since then UFC has been staffing the UFC Faculty Affairs Committee. Markus has been asked to represent IU East on this committee. Markus asked whether there were any concerns about him representing the campus on this committee. No opposition was voiced.

The UFC will be voting on a Course Transfer Policy that would limit the number of courses transferred from community colleges that can be applied to baccalaureate degrees to 64 credit hours. The version of the policy that was discussed would also allow for the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to make exceptions. Our Curriculum Committee has reviewed the document and is in support of it. However, the final version of the policy is likely to limit the vice chancellor's ability to grant exceptions. Markus will argue for a little more flexibility on our behalf.

Faculty Support Document has been reviewed by the Budgetary Affairs Committee. They have raised some concerns about implementation. It has been decided to allow the divisions to review the document then pass it on to the Faculty Affairs Committee if needed.

The President has decided to initiate an official search for a Chancellor in hopes the search will be completed by Spring 2009.

Student Retention is a top priority. The Curriculum Committee has been asked to come up with a Freshman Seminar. We will be consulting with Scot Evenbeck from IUPUI.

### III. Standing Committees

#### A. Nominating Committee – Greg Barton

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

Ballots were distributed for candidate selection. Two nominees: Markus Pomper and Mort Seddighin. No additional nominees were presented from the floor. Markus Pomper was reelected as IUE Faculty Senate President for the 2008-2009 term.

Markus resumed presiding over the meeting.

University Faculty Council Representative – Ballots were distributed for candidate selection. Nominees: Greg Braxton-Brown, Cathy Foos and Emily Winburn. No additional nominees were presented from the floor. Cathy Foos was elected as IUE UFC Representative.

#### B. Curriculum Committee – Bob Ramsey

**Voting item** - Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies was presented in Circular E17-08. The emphasis of this degree is on Communication Media Skills and will better prepare our students for graduate programs. The main difference between the BA and BS is the foreign language requirement. The BS focuses on technical and statistical skills.

The degree comes moved and seconded by the Curriculum Committee.

Discussion: Confirmation was requested regarding the availability of both Communication degrees. A BA as well as the BS will be available to students.

The motion to approve the Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies passed without opposition.

**Information item** - The Curriculum Committee has reviewed the proposed policy on transfer credits from Community Colleges. They have heard some resistance to the resolution basically that we should not treat transfer credits from community colleges any differently than other transfer credits. The Curriculum Committee believes we should go with the other campuses on this. The current document allows the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to grant some exceptions. A new version may be coming forward.

Discussion: The current residency requirement is 30 credit hours and the proposed policy would not change that.

#### C. AAA – Michelle Curry

The committee heard suspension appeals on January 7, 2008. The committee reviewed 21 cases: 8 were denied and 13 were approved. The next appeals court will be April 15, 2008. Last year it was reported that Honors Cords may be worn at May Commencement by July and August graduates. The report was corrected: Summer graduates are actually in June and August.

#### D. Budgetary Affairs Committee – Vandana Rao

The committee has reviewed the Faculty Support Document and forwarded its comments to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

### IV. Chancellor's Report

The Trustees' visit went very well. The Social Work Graduate Degree program (MSW) was given approval. It now goes to the Higher Education Commission. We are looking for more

graduate programs that don't require a huge upfront investment. Markus and a student did a nice job addressing the trustees.

We received approval to go to "Schools" from "Divisions. The two will be used interchangeably until July 1<sup>st</sup>. We won't shift to "deans" until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We made a request to borrow \$800K to go through an energy savings project. The request was approved. We will pay the money back over the next ten years from the savings.

Alumni Association Session – the trustees are pleased with what they are seeing at IU East. The President indicated he will begin his search for Chancellor.

As we moved toward the mission to offer Bachelors and Masters degrees we are not eliminating the Associate degrees but we are not admitting to them either. The plan is to eliminate or drastically reduce the number of associate degrees from 4-year institutions state-wide. We are down to one remedial course (Math M007) that we will continue one more year. That doesn't mean students no longer need this course; it means more students will need to take the courses from Ivy Tech. We need to work with them to help them prepare students for our classes.

The Chancellor is very happy with the progress this campus has had. The Trustees are also pleased. There is one area that needs more attention: the first year experience of our students. There is room for improvement in advising students, the retention rate and the first year experience. Of the students who are going to leave 60% leave in the first year. We need to begin dialoguing and learning from those who have already created similar programs.

**V. Academic Affairs Report** – Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Larry Richards offered thanks to Mary Blakefield and Mary Ann Morse for their hard work. We are looking at ways to be more efficient and more effective as the demands from outside the campus grow.

The MSW does have to go through the Commission of Higher Education because they do not recognize system schools. It's not a new program for IU but we have to send it through the system for approval anyway. The first cohort we hope will be 35 students and lasts for three years. We will not start a new cohort for three years after that.

**VI. Old Business**

None.

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None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.