

IU EAST FACULTY SENATE
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2020 ● 11:00am-12:15am
Whitewater Hall 132

Presiding: Laverne Nishihara, Faculty Senate President

Present: R. Aldrich, J. Barbre, P. Baumann, M. Bennett, M. Blakefield, M. Blankenship, L. Blanton, K. Blewett, B. Bogenschneider, F. Bose, R. Brunk, D. Bullock, S. Burns, O. Cheung, S. Clamme, A. Clapp-Itnyre, K. Clark, R. Clemons, J. Combs, A. Cooksey, K. Cruz-Uribe, G. Dam, G. Dixon, D. Dues, L. Dulemba, C. Evans, D. Halliwell, E. Helton, J. Horn, R. Itnyre, M. Jance, C. Judd, P. Khurana, D. Kim, N. Kong, C. LaForge, J. Lafuze, Y. Law, E. Lee, Y. Liu, E. Loshek, KT Lowe, D. Lundy, M. Malott, S. McFadden, C. Mier, A. Mironko, D. Money Penny, C. Nemcik, L. Nishihara, M. Parker, T. Perkins, M. Pomper, A. Quenette, J. Raposo, K. Rees, J. Renfro, TJ Rivard, R. Roswell, N. Rybas, N. Sabine, W. Scott, D. Snider, E. South, M. Thomas Evans, J. Tolbert, K. Wadsworth, S. Whitehead, J. Wilde, F. Yates

Guests and Visiting Faculty Present: F. Burgos (visiting), M. Freeland (visiting), E. George (guest), D. Hicks (guest) C. Reisner (guest), J. Schweitzer (visiting)

Absent: L. Adams, S. Armstead, G. Braxton-Brown, B. Brodeur, J. Buffington-Adams, A. Carmack, J. Carroll, H. Chen, E. Fitzgerald, S. Fowler, D. Frazier, W. Goo, A. Hall, J. Harper, R. D. Honaker, K. Johnson, R. Karki, H. Kathuria, A. Kim, A. Kraha, J. Lamb, C. Messer, D. Miller, W. Mohamad, R. Mulligan, D. Olson, R. Ramsey, J. Rivas, J. Rosser, T. Scales, K. Schwartzel, L. Simpson, D. Smith, S. Smith, S. Song, L. Steiner, W. Tobin, Y. You

Sabbatical/Leave: J. Simon, C. Longley, B. Trammell, L. Zhong

Faculty Senate Secretary: Judy Ford

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – Faculty Senate Meeting of January 14, 2020
 - A. Approved
- II. **Chancellor's Report** – Chancellor Kathy Cruz-Uribe
 - A. Update on Hot Water Conversion Project
 - i. Held two informational sessions (January 15 & 22); both were well attended by staff and faculty. Interactive sessions – people came up with questions, but also good ideas. The project is summarized in the following.
 - ii. Setting up a website where you can go for updates
 - iii. Project entails 1) installing new boilers in the WZ basement, and 2) replacing the ductwork and other mechanical systems in the ceilings.
 - iv. Time Frame: (all subject to change!)
 - February 2020 – goes out to bid
 - March 2020 – award contract
 - Project will be phased - Phase 1 is scheduled for Summer/Fall 2020; this is our immediate focus and affects all of the 2nd floor of WZ. Michelle is working with NSM folks on planning.
 - v. What will happen:
 - Offices will have to be vacated; classrooms and labs will not be usable.

- Remember that this is not a complete renovation – offices/classrooms do not need to be emptied of all their contents, but people need to take what they need; they will not be able to access these spaces during the work.
- Personal items may be left in offices, but at one’s own risk.
- Classes/labs will need to be scheduled in alternative spaces (we are talking to Ivy Tech; there is also space that will be vacated by Purdue Polytechnic).
- Some people/offices will re-locate to other spaces on campus (sharing/”bunking together”; some people/offices may work from home or an off-campus space).
- Some events will have to be held in different spaces on campus, or even off campus.
- Vivian renovation is scheduled to be completed by May 2020. They are completing the ceiling/ductwork for the Hot Water Project while it is in the process of renovation.
- Purdue Polytechnic will be vacated end of Spring 2020 semester and available for use (includes classrooms and office space).

vi. Things to think about:

- How can other spaces on campus best be used to help take up the slack with housing departments and/or individuals, as well as for events and activities
- If you are in WZ at the moment, where might you like to “live” temporarily
- What departments/people could work off campus or from home temporarily
- Where can people double up in offices in other spaces on campus
- The Den and catering services
- Art events and shows
- NSM research and teaching labs
- How best to communicate a positive message (renovating for the future as we move into our next 50 years!) to prospective students and their families, as well as employees and current students

III. Committees

A. Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee – Melissa Blankenship

i. Information/Discussion Item

1. Proposed revisions to IU East Admissions Policy (test optional) Cir. E67-20
 - a. Proposed changes to admission standards:
 - 2.5 GPA for direct admission
 - Students with GPAs of between 2.0 and 2.49 may be given a grace period and placed on a “success path”
 - For students with a 2.0 or below GPA, there is a pathway recommendation (secure some credits elsewhere and then bring it back to us)
 - “Returning students” language will be added, which is new (not in the old policy)

Note: Athletics Committee and Graduate Affairs Council are not standing committees of Faculty Senate; therefore, a motion and second from the floor will be requested for voting items from those committees.

B. Athletics Committee – Neil Sabine

i. Voting Item

1. Proposed revision to Approved Absence Policy Cir. E68-20

- a. Adding that student managers be approved for team absences
 - b. Neil will look into procedure of notifying instructors when a student is removed from the team.
 - c. Motion made and seconded; approved 98%
- C. Curriculum Committee – Rebecca Clemons
 - i. Voting Items
 - 1. New Course – AST-A217 Practical Observing Cir. E69-20
 - a. Approved 98%
 - 2. Course Change – CMCL-C334 Current Topics in Communication & Culture Cir. E70-20
 - a. Approved 96%
 - ii. Information Item
 - 1. Course Activation – BUS-K353 Business Analytics & Modeling Cir. E71-20
- D. Graduate Affairs Council – Natalia Rybas
 - i. Voting Item
 - 1. New Program Proposal – EdS in Educational Leadership Cir. E72-20
 - a. Motion made and seconded; approved 94%
 - ii. Information Item
 - 1. Course Activation – LBST-D502 Social Sciences Seminar Cir. E73-20
- E. Nominating Committee – Josh Tolbert
 - i. Voting items
 - 1. Faculty Senate President 2020-2021
 - a. With one nominee listed and none from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to vote by voice acclamation.
 - b. Yu Kay Law elected unanimously.
 - 2. University Faculty Council (UFC) Representative 2020-2021
 - a. With one nominee listed and none from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to vote by voice acclamation.
 - b. Kris Rees elected unanimously.

IV. President’s Report – Laverne Nishihara

- A. From University Faculty Council (UFC) Executive Committee
 - i. There is a proposal to add a “Faculty Affairs Committee” to UFC’s standing committees. If this committee is added, then IU East will need one faculty member to serve on this committee.
 - ii. UFC has been advocating non-tenure-track faculty to be members of UFC. The current proposal for a campus the size of IU East is to keep the current two members (tenured or tenure-track), and in addition, to add one member who is non-tenure track. Approving this will require an amendment to the all-IU UFC Constitution.
 - iii. You might hear about a statement on the importance of faculty presence on campus from the Faculty Engagement Task Force. This will not be a voting item, but it is a statement about why faculty presence on campus is important, without specifics or rules.
- B. Update on Sustainability Initiatives
 - i. The Sustainability Resolution originating at IU East is likely to be adapted and go up for a vote at IU Bloomington and IU Kokomo faculty governance bodies, possibly followed by other campuses.

- ii. There is going to be an opportunity for IU regional campuses to apply for IU Bicentennial Grand Challenges funding, and the theme of the funding this year is sustainability.
 - C. Senate President's Responsibilities
 - i. The President-Elect attends meetings with the President, and assists.
 - ii. It is tradition the President plans the Faculty Retreat.
- V. **Academic Affairs Report** – Executive Vice Chancellor Michelle Malott
 - A. UIRR – UIRR will be holding once a month virtual open office hours. They would like to open with a short presentation. If there are specific things you would like to learn more about or experience frustrations with, send Michelle an email.
 - B. Bookstore – We are contracted with Barnes & Noble for our bookstore. When we direct students to purchase books elsewhere, we are breaching that contract. Please do not list alternative book sources in your class syllabus. This does not exclude Ivy Tech. A list of FAQs is being compiled to help address challenges for faculty and adjuncts.
 - C. Student Engagement Roster – Thank you to all of the 85% who participated. A second email went out to a smaller group to help work out behind-the-scene glitches.
 - D. Thank you to everyone for your input in creating the diagram for the quasi-org chart.
 - E. Thank you to all who helped out at the Student Success Summit – it was a great day! Hope is to continue this event.
- VI. **Student Government Association** – Elizabeth George, Vice President
 - A. Our Bookstore price matches Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and any local competitors for textbooks.
 - B. Will be attending a Student Government Conference in Akron, Ohio this weekend.
 - C. February 10 the SGA officers will be attending a lunch with the Chancellor and Indiana State Legislators.
 - D. Nominations for Student Government open February 17 and end March 13. Applications are due March 27. Officer elections are April 8; all four current officers and the majority of SGA members will be graduating in May. Please keep students in mind that you would like to nominate. Once nominations are open, go to iue.edu/campuslife/sga to nominate students.
- VII. **Old Business**

None reported.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. The Athletics Committee will be revisiting E-sports this year after addressing all concerns. Ange Cooksey shared her research and spoke in favor of adding it as a competitive sport.

Adjourn 12:05pm