

Faculty Affairs Committee
April 7, 2010
9:30am – 10:45 am

Minutes

Present: Marilyn Watkins, Denise Bullock, Kelly Dempsey, Markus Pomper, Greg Weber

Absent: Hitesh Kathuria.

The committee considered the draft report on Executive Review. Several editorial changes were proposed. Substantive changes include the last sentences of section 3. In revised form, those read:

The Faculty Affairs Committee believes that University Faculty Action would be required in order to remove the chancellor as an independent review step on all campuses. The Faculty Affairs Committee at Indiana University East recommends retaining the Chancellors as independent review levels.

Further the committee agreed to remove the word “condemn” from the last sentence. This sentence now reads:

The Faculty Affairs Committee at Indiana University East would like to use this report as an opportunity to express its unease with the proposed executive review and the unilateral approach that has been taken in implementing it.

After a brief review period, the report will be presented to Faculty Senate and to the UFC Agenda Committee.

Secondly, the committee discussed the Regional Campus Mission and Roles.

It was observed that the Mission statement of IU East is congruent with the ICHE document.

The committee noted that ICHE states that regional campuses may offer housing to up to 10% of the student body. This appears to be a shift in ICHE’s position. The committee recommends that the vision be revised to include student housing and that future strategic plans include action steps toward student housing.

The committee was in disagreement on how to interpret item 8 of the ICHE statement:

“**Research Focus:** Scholarly activity related to faculty teaching responsibilities, research related to local and regional needs.”

Some members of the committee interpreted the statement as broadly defining the research focus for faculty members of regional campuses, while others interpreted the statement as the minimum expectations, which individual campuses could increase if they so desire.

The committee recommends that IU East obtain clarification on this issue, as it might have ramifications for the Strategic Plan.

The minutes of March 31 were approved. Markus will draft a committee year-end report and disseminate it electronically to committee members.

The committee adjourned at 10:45 am.