

Faculty Affairs Committee Agenda: **Tuesday, 4-12-16**  
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Whitewater 120

Minutes of 4-12-16 meeting

[FAC members are taking minutes during Spring 2016 as follows:

- ~~January 12 (Lori Dilworth)~~
- ~~January 26 (Justin Carroll)~~
- ~~February 9 (Edwina Helton)~~
- ~~February 23 (Sue McFadden)~~
- ~~March 8 (Tonya Breymier)~~
- ~~March 22 (Daron Olson)~~
- April 12 (Hitesh Kathuria)

In Attendance –

### **Members of the Committee**

Laverne Nishihara (Chair)  
Justin Carroll  
Edwina Helton  
Hitesh Kathuria (Recorder for this meeting)  
Daron Olson  
Sue McFadden  
Tonya Breymier (Absent)  
Lori Dilworth (Absent)  
Guests - Greg Weber, Denise Bullock

1. 3-22-16 meeting minutes were approved.

### **OPEN MEETING and FAC Discussion: Domestic Partners Benefits Resolution**

2. IU South Bend faculty approved the Domestic Partners Benefits Resolution in their March meeting. Ange Cooksey, IU East Faculty Senate President, was consulted regarding discussion in FAC. FAC edited the Resolution as follows: changed single quotation marks to double quotation marks; replace “IU South Bend” with “IU East” in the last paragraph.
3. Meeting was opened for questions and comments
4. Laverne stated that Susan Brewer, University Director of Healthcare Program Services, was contacted about a question regarding numbers for domestic partners – are they all

enrolled in plans? Her response was that all faculty/staff numbers after 2014 were for those enrolled in the medical plans.

5. Denise Bullock shared her opinion in favor of the Resolution (safety, symbolic value, religious opinions, tax and insurance related issues)
6. Greg Weber asked a couple of questions to clarify language in Domestic Partners Benefits Resolution. Denise responded by giving an example of trans faculty and staff.
7. FAC voted to bring this to the Agenda Committee as a proposed voting item for Senate at the April 26, 2016 meeting. All AYE no NAY.
8. Open session ended at 11:30 a.m.

### **Bylaws revision of Curriculum Committee section**

9. Curriculum Committee does not review graduate courses, so that is part of the proposed revisions to the Bylaws.
10. Curriculum Committee has received a suggestion from Laverne to consider not specifying that the Curriculum Committee must approve course activations since Senate does not approve course activations (they are an information item). The Curriculum Committee and FAC will continue working on the Bylaws revision during next academic year.

### **FAC Year-End Report DRAFT**

11. Laverne will email a more complete version of FAC's year-end report for comments and electronic vote by FAC.

### **Updates:**

Promotion and Tenure Revisions (approved by Senate; clean copy being produced)  
Post-Tenure Review

12. Obsolete version of the P & T Policy should be saved in IU Box as part of the electronic archives and the Senate website – requested to Ange Cooksey
13. November 2015 revision to Bylaws not yet in the website.

14. Post tenure review – did not hear about a misconduct policy from University Academic Affairs.

### **Other:**

15. Contact Jean Harper regarding Campus Graduate Affairs Committee related issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.