



Executive Committee Minutes



April 8, 2005

Members present: Bodmer, George; Buckley, William; Dorin, William; Tolhuizen, James; Lindmark, Alan; Hozo, Iztok; McDonald, Deanna; Pearson, Susan T.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.
- II. Minutes to the 4 March 2005 were approved.
- III. Mission Differentiation
 - A.) After reading from the final report on IU's Mission Differentiation statement, the committee pointed out that the paragraph describing IUN's mission (p. 48) was inadequate, and that it needed to be revised.
 - B.) The committee agreed and said that the revision should be brought before the Faculty Organization for consideration.
 - C.) Pearson suggested that the word "baccalaureate" be changed to "undergraduate" (p. 48). The committee agreed.
 - D.) She also noted that the report exhibited inherent contradictions in its discussion of phasing out two-year degrees while calling for more community service and a new School of Health and Human Services.

The committee agreed and discovered a contradiction on pp. 11 and 12, where eliminations had been discussed in the context of tying funding with enrollment.

IV. Document on Research Released Time

- A.) The committee agreed to table discussion on this matter until arrival of the new Vice Chancellor.

V. General Education and Assessment Committee

- A.) Professor Hass Birky asked that both the General Ed and Assessment committees be combined. The committee agreed, approved Hass Birky as chair of both committees and said that she could begin research on these matters.

VI. Third Tier Programs Vice Chancellor Dorothy Ige

- A.) Ige announced that the IUN administration is still considering whether to transfer MLT and RT to Ivy Tech.
- B.) Tolhuizen asked if we are dropping these programs.

- C.) Ige responded that the Chancellor is committed to finding these programs a home.
- D.) Tolhuizen asked if the administration could give assurances to faculty that before making such decisions, it would look at IUN task force recommendations for third-tier programs.
- E.) She said that they would but reminded the committee that the administration is now weighing the importance of faculty salaries and program need.
- F.) Pearson expressed her confusion about MLT and RT programs being approved for Fall 2005 and discussions concerning elimination, especially since surrounding community health institutions expressed their dismay at such a policy.
- G.) Ige reiterated that given the pressures of balancing faculty salaries and program needs, along with recommendations by Dean Rooda, MLT and RT will most likely be transferred to Ivy Tech.
- H.) Bodmer asked where such decisions were made.
- I.) Ige responded that the administration attended to the recommendations of Dean Rooda and she informed the committee that officials at IUB believe that regional faculty decisions should never trump the overall IU Mission Differentiation.
- J.) Pointing to IUN's commitment to regional vitality, and to the large increases in population of Lake and Porter counties, Lindmark objected to the elimination of allied health programs. He also reminded the committee that decisions to eliminate programs should be made by the IUN faculty Organization and not by a Deans Council.
- K.) In support, Tolhuizen quoted from the IUN Faculty Handbook, which says that change in course programs must be brought up for a vote by IUN faculty.
- L.) Hozo summarized a paragraph from Pragmatic Vision for IU Campuses that stated IUN courses should support the local community.
- M.) Ige argued that low enrollment programs are not profitable, and that average enrollment in MLT or RT has been around nine students.
- N.) Pearson reminded the committee that enrollments in Allied Health are up and that 22 students enrolled in RT by November will increase to 40.
- O.) Ige insisted that we must view IUN in a broader context, that we need to see our university as an institution of excellence with market feasibility.
- P.) Lindmark asked if the Vice Chancellor could provide research to substantiate administrative decisions concerning Allied Health.
- Q.) Ige responded that she would.
- R.) Pearson brought the discussion back to whether other programs are being considered for elimination.
- S.) Ige responded that degrees in nursing and business were being reviewed.
- T.) Discussion concluded with Bodmer stating that the committee remains unconvinced that the administration believes the faculty should be consulted in the above matters, as the IUN Faculty Handbook states.

VII. Strategic Outcomes 1 and 6: Professors Lundberg and Klamen

A.) After distributing their draft document on academic excellence, both professors asked for feedback by May 15.

VIII. Evaluation of the Centers: Professor Lindmark

A.) Lindmark distributed the document  Review Procedures for IUN Centers/Institutes,  and moved that this document be forwarded to Chancellor Bergland.

Motion passed.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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