

Faculty Organization Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda
February 3, 2012
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1. Approval of the minutes of January 6, 2012--A motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes from January 6, 2012 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
2. President's Announcements:
 - a. Applegate Visit, Monday, February 20 - 12:30-1:00, LC110-- Dr. Applegate wants to meet with the Ex Comm, along with Chancellor Lowe and EVCAA Mailk on this date and time, so please attend if you can do so.
 - b. UFC Reform Update--There will be a vote on the UFC reform at its next meeting. This reform involves forming an executive committee (formerly the agenda committee) to meet with President McRobbie monthly. Also, the reform reduces the membership from around 100 to around 30. The larger UFC will meet twice per year.
 - c. Nominations for Faculty Board of Review Election--We still need at least 4 more candidates for the FBOR. Please send Chuck suggestions and/or do some recruiting. Candidates must be tenured and cannot serve consecutive terms.
 - d. Update New Mail Ballot – Constitutional Amendment--We need at least 100 people to vote. Chuck will work on sending out the announcement next week to begin the voting. Two-thirds of the vote is needed for approval.
3. Ad Hoc Faculty Community Engagement Committee – Ellen Szarleta described an idea for a Fac Org standing committee on community engagement. This would dovetail with the campus' effort to earn the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. Also, this would be a faculty committee, different from the CURE Advisory Committee, and seek ways faculty might *academically* engage with the community. The ad hoc committee could also study if a standing committee would be a good idea. The ad hoc committee would be formed this semester and work through the end of 2012.

Ex Comm agreed it's a good idea. Ellen will start putting together a statement of purpose, forms of faculty involvement, defining outlets for faculty contributions, and other details. A suggestion was made that Ellen float this idea to the deans to get broad input.

4. Chancellor Bill Lowe – Chancellor Lowe brought the following items to the meeting.
 - AASCU meeting--Chancellor Lowe attended AASCU committee meetings last week in Washington, D.C. last week, including a session with a White House advisor for higher education. In light of President Obama's recent remarks about cost containment in higher education, her visit with AASCU was particularly timely. She said they were not looking at Pell Grants and agreed that the work-study programs should be increased. Obama's principles are responsible prices, quality and value, with special attention to graduation and completion rates, particularly for low income students. This was and will be a consultative process. She said they didn't want to encourage "creaming," that

is, colleges and universities seeking only the "cream of the crop." They also discussed the metrics on issues such as productivity and graduation rates.

- Tamarack--demolition of Tamarack has begun and should be finished by the end of March. Its replacement has to go through the legislative process again, so it will be some time before a groundbreaking will occur.
 - The new administration building to replace Sycamore and Lindenwood will be part of the current space study and will probably be self-funded. It will include offices as well as classrooms. It is likely this building will be constructed before the new Tamarack facility.
 - The 33rd Avenue construction project is continuing longer than planned but should finish soon.
 - The chancellor has met with the new Gary mayor, Karen Freeman-Wilson, to discuss various items relating to IU Northwest and the City of Gary. Mayor Freeman-Wilson is cognizant of the importance of IU to Gary and the region.
5. Student Hearing Procedure Revised – Anna Rominger, Dean of SOBE and the Constitution, Article 5, Section 5.8 – Duties of Executive Committee – Provisional acts in emergency situation--Dean Rominger came to the Ex Comm meeting to discuss the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities and the role of the Ex Comm in it. In 2005, IUB removed the hearing procedures from the Code and let each campus tailor its hearing procedures to its local situation. IUN decided on a process similar to the one used in the past. CHHS needed to make some changes in the process, whereby the dean certifies the process followed by the unit hearing board was in compliance with the unit's policies and procedures. It was anticipated that an occasion may arise where some decisions would be need to be made quickly. Our constitution provides that the Executive Committee can act in place of the Committee in an emergency.

A motion to approve the changes to the Academic Misconduct Procedures under Article 5, Sec. 5.8 for the Executive Committee to act provisionally in an emergency was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

6. Discussion of agenda items for February 17, 2012 Faculty Organization Meeting--items include the Assessment General Education Committee reports by the Chemistry Department Faculty; and a tribute for Bob Lovely by Jack Bloom.
7. Old Business--There was no old business.
8. New Business--There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.