

IUSB Academic Senate Minutes

Date: January 19, 2007

DW 1001

Present: P. Aghimien, E. Bennion Turba, J. Blodgett, C. Brown, J. Bushong, K. Clark, R. Cook, R. Ducoffe, D. Fassett, E. Fenner, F. Fujita, S. Gerenscer, A. Gift, A. Grens, A. Guillaume, M. Heck, P. Henry, J. Hernando, M. Horvath, J. Hurst, L. Kahan, J. Klein, M. Makielski, W. Kwong, L. Lambert, M. Lee, I. Levine, A. Lidinsky, J. Linton, D. Marr, J. McIntosh, D. McMillen, M. Mooney, S. Moore, M. Regan-Kubinski, M. Nilsen, R. Pope, Y. Qian, C. Quinn, U. Reck, K. Rusnock, M. Russo, M. Scanlan, R. Schimmrigk, S. Sernau, R. Torstrick, D. Shlalpentokh, K. Smant, C. Sofhauser, B. Spitzer, A. Stankrauff, J. VanderVeen, D. Vollrath, L. Walker, N. Yokom, K. Baierl, M. Tetzlaff, S. Thomas.

Meeting called to order by S. Gerenscer

Minutes: Approved as posted.

Administrative and Officer Reports

Chancellor Reck:

Student housing: The housing committee is meeting regularly. The project approval process has been moved forward. It now needs approval by the state budget committee and the governor. If approved, construction will start this spring. This means it would be ready for occupation in Fall 2008.

The *Safety ad hoc committee* members will be appointed within the next two days. The Committee will be comprised of administration, faculty, staff and students. They will provide input into how to address personal safety issues on campus, especially in light of future campus housing.

Construction of the Elkhart Learning Center is progressing well. Occupation is planned for the Fall of 2007. The next meeting concerning the Center will be held in the building.

Outsourcing at Indiana University— The Board of Trustees announced that they would like the IU administration to look at the possibility of outsourcing several University services. Currently the only requests for bids are for the motor pool at Bloomington, and the bookstores at all IU campuses. IUSB has submitted a proposal to keep the operation at the bookstore as it currently exists. At this time, no other bids have been requested for outsourcing other services that would affect IUSB. However, several other operations may be considered for outsourcing in the future. A request for a proposal does not mean that outsourcing will occur. It simply means that an analysis of the particular operation will be conducted. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision on what units will be outsourced or decide about future analysis about outsourcing.

Retirement announcements

Jacqueline Caul – Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management will retire as of July 2007

Patti Dees –Director of Affirmative Action will retire in May 2007

The IUSB signature will be replaced with the Integrated University Image for IUSB. If there are any questions about the new visual identity, please contact the Marketing Department. We do not have to replace current supplies until they are depleted.

No questions were asked of Chancellor

VCAA -

Enhancing Minority Achievement – This year IUSB will partner with IUSE so that each can do a campus assessment of the other campus. We will report to a major conference at IUPUI in four areas: Leadership and Commitment, Curricular and Co-curricular Affirmation, Campus Climate, and Representational Diversity. A great deal of information needs to be collected. Please respond to requests for information as soon as you can. Future plans should be included. The visits will occur as follows: IUSE to IUSB March 9th and IUSB to IUSE on March 23rd. Members of the team have been identified; however, some members can not participate due to workload issues. There is a call for volunteers to assist in this effort. If you would like to participate, communicate with Vice Chancellor.Guillaume as soon as possible.

Natatorium – Civil Rights Heritage Center –The center will hopefully open in the next 18 to 19 months. \$1.5 million needs to be raised. External funding is being sought. Work towards a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities is being done. The grant would be for \$500,000. The center of study has broadened to look at the northern tier states work on Civil Rights.

PTR – Currently reading dossiers.

Budget - We have challenges, and we have dreams on the Academic side of the house. We need to make tough decisions about the budget. The budget needs to be streamlined so that there are no negative plugs. When we make these cuts and are looking at our budget, we have to look at them in a way to keep intact the academic mission of our campus.

We have had problems in growth and in retention. We are looking at *distance learning* as a way to increase growth and retention. Director Neuman will put out a RFT for two on-line courses to be offered in the Fall. Criteria will include that the course is a General Education Course, and that it have a history of high demand.

The Higher Learning Commission visit – The visit is very important to our campus. Hopefully the next one will be in 10 years.

Announcements

Jerry Hinnefeld will give his Research Award Lecture January 30th at 7 pm in Wiekamp 101. Mahja Kahf (author of “The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf”) will present “Burgas, Bras, and Battlezones: The Varied Tales of the Veil” on January 29th at 6pm in Wiekamp 1001.

Dean’s Seminar: Feb. 16th Susanne Moore, “A Constructed Landscape”

Question: Asked about our dreams and cuts.

Answer: I have to make choices about faculty positions and courses offered. We will not have monies available to do all we want to do. We need to make sure enrollment is strong in the Summer to assure healthier budget for Fall and Spring budgets.

Question: I want to point out that if cuts are made that some things will not be done as well as they have been done before. We need to recognize that some things will not be done as well as before.

Answer: This may happen. Some people may not be able to do things as well. I am not going to recommend cuts without discussion. Sometimes we have to admit that there are some things we can not do. These are all campus decisions.

Question: We are to raise \$1.5 million for the Civil Rights Heritage Center. Does that include the funds from the NEH?

Answer: It is a one third match.

Question: Does this pay for salaries?

Answer: It does help pay for a director.

President and UFC – (President’s report read as Rosanne Cordell could not be in attendance)

Rosanne encourages you to follow up with her with any questions you may have.

1. The Policy on Intellectual Property has passed.
2. “Review of IU Core Campus and Fiscal Operations” was sent to President Herbert he will consider these recommendations. There has been no mention of South Bend’s Labor Studies Program in any of the three reports on Labor Studies and System Schools or the report listed above. It is unlikely we will have a Labor Studies Program here, regardless of what happens in the future.
3. There was a discussion of the review procedures for Chancellors, in which you will remember was a reduction in the number of the faculty on the review committee. It was discussed that a broad discussion with the Trustees on the role of faculty may be needed. This also relates to the General Education and Transferability reports that the Trustees are requesting of the UFC. UFC is concerned that the Trustees may wish to become directly involved in determining the curriculum.
4. We had a question in a previous meeting about whether the new family leave policy had been written, this has been checked and there has been no word back to the UFC from the committee working on the policy.

Committee reports –

Continuation of the *Budget Committee Report* from previous meeting

Please see Power Point Presentation attached to previous meeting minutes.

The Budget Policy was discussed as a way to put down in writing budget policies that were practiced, but not documented. It is an attempt to make the budget policies and procedures transparent.

There was a long discussion about salary savings and the right of the unit to keep 50% of these savings. The unit can do whatever they wish with the savings. This process takes place in Spring semester.

There was discussion held on holds for registration if a student owes money to the University. A hold is put on student registration even if they owe a relatively small amount of money. The question is: Are we putting a road-block in the way of students?
Answer: PeopleSoft puts the hold on registration. The student can speak to the Bursar and the Bursar can let the student register.

Question: Will the purchase of the new version of PeopleSoft fix some of these problems?

Answer: It is unlikely

Discussion took place about how to assist students who have either a small balance with the Bursar, or who have a good record of payment with a balance, or are waiting for loans to register.

Answer: This policy is based on IU policy.

Question: Is policy driving this or is it software? Is this a faculty senate policy? Could we have an ad hoc committee look at it?

Chancellor: The Chancellor's Cabinet and enrollment management will look at this issue from an administrative perspective and the Executive Committee can look at the problem from the academic side.

Question: Does the division get any salary savings from grant payment of salary where replacement costs are less than that provided by the grant?

Answer: This is a new issue we have not discussed.

Question: What about unpaid leave?

Answer: That is swept. If we can get rid of negative plugs then savings will not have to be swept.

Announcements:

Next meeting Feb 16th in DW 1001

A reminder for committees to send minutes to S. Gerenscer to be placed on the Senate Web-site.

Coffee and tea provided for this meeting by the IU Credit Union.

Lundquist award deadline is extended until the end of January.

Get On the Bus Will be on Feb 20th. Please call the Alumni Office for more information.

Meeting adjourned.