

**Indiana University South Bend – Academic Senate
Meeting Minutes**

April 17, 2009 - Wiekamp 1001 - 1:30 PM

Attending: Barrau, Bennion, Borshuk, Brittenham, Bushong, Candler, Chaney, R. Colborn, Collins, Cordell, Davidson, Feighery, L. F. Fisher, Fox, Grens, Guillaume, Hakimzadeh, Henry, Hernando, Hinnefeld, Horvath, Hurst, Isaacson, Jones, Kahan, Kwong, Lambert, Lee, Levine, Linker, Magnan-Park, Makielski, McMillen, Mettetal, Meyer-Lee, Mooney, Moore, Nashel, Nilsen, O'Connor, Opasik, Pant, Randall, Reck, Regan-Kubinski, Roth, Rusnock, Russo, Scanlon, Schafer, Schult, scott, Sernau, Shlapentokh, Shockey, Shrader, K. Smith, Sofhauser, Song, Stankrauff, Torstrick, Vollrath, Zynda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes of March 2009 meeting
M/S/A – No corrections

3. Administrative and Officer Reports
 - A. Chancellor Reck

Legislative Update

State Senate passed its version of the biennium budget on Wednesday, April 15. For IU South Bend, E & A Building is still in the bill. IU is “flat funded” for 2009. Also, a 1% cut in state appropriations is replaced with federal stimulus funds. The House budget bill includes funding for IU South Bend Education and Arts Buildings along with a 1% increase in operating appropriations. Now in conference committee.

Senate bill also included \$29 million for the IU/Purdue Innovation Alliance. House version has \$35 million.

Today is the day for release of state revenue forecast.

Last day of session is April 29. Dr. Reck will be in Indianapolis on Monday to meet with legislators.

One more request to write to legislators. Please use personal stationery and email. Contact Senator Luke Kenley, Senator John Broden, Representative William Crawford, and Representative Jeff Espich.

Budget Update

Still too early to make final decisions about our operating budget. One additional needed piece of information is the level of tuition increase for our campus.

Since the last senate meeting, some one-time fund approvals have been made:

1. \$200,000 for science lab renovations via request through Senate Budget Committee.
2. \$31,000 for faculty research grants via request through Senate Research and Development Committee.
3. \$51,000 for library monographs via request through Senate Library Affairs Committee. Each year for 4 years additional funds will be added to the base budget so that such funding is permanent.

Other Announcements

IU South Bend has been selected as recipient of the South Bend Human Rights Commission Education Award. The award will be presented at a luncheon on April 28, 2009.

Godspell in production this weekend and next. The first musical at IU South Bend in 20 years.

Commencement is May 12 at 6:00 PM in the Joyce Center on the campus of Notre Dame. Call for inspirational or special stories of graduates; please contact Ken Baierl.

Campus Sustainability Award

Dr. Mike Keen presented the Campus Sustainability Award to Mr. Albert Peiffer, custodial staff, for his work with logistics in all facets of campus recycling. The award includes a cash prize of \$500.

Questions for the Chancellor

There were no questions asked of the Chancellor.

B. VCAA Guillaume

Campus Research Award

Dr. Mark Fox, Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship, School of Business and Economics, was presented the Annual Distinguished Research Award in recognition of his outstanding scholarship.

Remarks

Vice Chancellor Guillaume spoke of *learning communities* and student learning referencing Dr. Randy Isaacson's work with EDUC-U100 Threshold Seminar to other courses in mathematics and English. Dr. Guillaume introduced Dr. Isaacson who spoke on his work with U100 and the data supporting retention.

Dr. Guillaume also spoke of *transitions* and working with Vice Chancellor Jones. Simply abandoning developmental course per ICHE *Reaching Higher* report is not the solution that best meets our students needs. Working with Dr. Jones and Ivy Tech Administrators to create a plan for how make the transition effectively including dual enrollment at IU South Bend and Ivy Tech Community College.

Undergraduate research is a third area of focus. April 24 is the Undergraduate Research Symposium at IU South Bend. Dr. Bill Feighery and the Undergraduate Research Council has been actively promoting UGR and the symposium.

Finally, *support* for our own university. Discussed with Anne McGraw the Campus Campaign. There is a lack of support from the faculty for the campus campaign. Dr. Guillaume encouraged faculty to take part in the campus campaign. Overwhelmingly, CLAS faculty give to the CC, but faculty from other units do not.

Bill Feighery wished to recognize four faculty who are most responsible for organizing the Undergraduate Research Symposium: Jay Vander Veen, Lisa Zwicker, Lee Kahan, and Andrea Rusnock.

Randy Isaacson asked about the timeline for an agreement with Ivy Tech. Much depends on the progress made by 2011, but we will not make a transition that does not ensure success for our students.

Joe Chaney asked about logistics for the meeting with Ivy Tech on May 1, 9:00-12:00, in the Grille. Dr. Jones offered some clarification to the purpose of the meeting.

Elizabeth Bennion reiterated urging faculty to attend the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

C. President

Jerry combined the UFC and President's report.

President's Report

Commended the Chancellor on the uses of one-time funds in light of budget constraints.

Item 5B on the today's agenda. A meeting was held earlier this week wherein an agreement in principal that the resolution is valid. Jerry recognized Rebecca Brittenham who thanked both Jerry and the administration for the meeting. She withdrew the resolution and motion for action, the item is stricken from the agenda. Chancellor Reck also thanked those involved for their comments at the meeting and providing additional information on the issue.

Jerry thanked the Executive Committee for their service this academic year.

UFC Report

Agenda Committee met at 11:00 AM at IU Southeast. (Agenda Committee is comprised of the Faculty Senate presidents from all campuses.) Discussion in the Agenda Committee meeting was spirited and focused on make-up of campus PTR committees and whether or not it was necessary for committees that exam cases for promotion to professor be comprised of only professors. Arguments of both principle and practicality were expressed. At the School level, such a committee is not practical on most regional campuses.

There was no quorum at the full UFC meeting, so there was no opportunity for action of any sort.

Jerry read into the record the resolution passed by the IU South Bend academic senate at the March 2009 meeting.

Tuesday, April 14, was the Agenda Committee tele-conference. Jerry read to the Senate the circular entitled "Adoption of Principles for Promotion and Tenure Procedures on Campuses of Indiana University." The circular is appended to these minutes.

Elizabeth Bennion asked about the definition of “to the extent feasible” as worded in the document. Jerry referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure as the group on our campus who may be charged with determining this.

4. Committee Reports

No committee reports were submitted.

5. New Business

A. Ratification of nominated committee rosters

Moved/seconded/approved – unanimous

B. Resolution on establishment of an emergency loan fund to hire visiting lecturers

This item was removed from the agenda by previous action in this meeting.

C. Resolution on full-time faculty positions

“The IU South Bend Academic Senate resolved that full-time faculty positions not be cut from the base budget during periods of sustained or increasing enrollment. Furthermore, when budget cuts are necessary, they should not be made as flat percentages of each unit’s budget. Since Academic Affairs comprises most of the campus budget, across the board cuts harm the revenue generating capacity of the campus by taking most of the budget reduction from Academic Affairs.”

The proposal comes with signatures of 10 senate members, so it arrives moved and seconded.

No discussion.

Resolution passes unanimously.

6. Announcements

Isabel O’Connor announced four S.M.A.R.T. Awards of \$3,400 each.

Elaina Curtis working with Deb Marr

Susan Jacobs working with Jonathan Nashel

Nathan Vanderberg working with Rolf Schimmrigk

Celeste Worrell working with Gretchen Anderson

7. Adjournment