

Academic Council Minutes  
May 10, 2007

Present: Widman, Cantu, Aniskiewicz, Kintzele, Stroman, Calhoon, Sehr, Roales, Dibie, Pati, Green, Sciame-Giesecke

1. Green – budget. It appears we'll have a 5% increase in in-state and undergraduate tuition and fees. Graduate fees will be 7% and salary administration will be 2%. This is not set in stone.

Green will have no contingency for next year. Money available from outsourcing the Bookstore will be discussed later by the Cabinet.

There will be no RIFing of employees of the Bookstore as Barnes and Noble is offering them employment at their current pay, they will keep their university benefits, continue to serve in university activities, will get a subsidy for any higher health insurance costs, credit for years of service, and fee courtesy for IU. If they do not accept this offer they go on a await list for one year and will have the opportunity to apply for any positions that open up.

We will get \$150,000 for renovation of the Bookstore. In the past our Bookstore provided \$25,000 annually that went into our general fund. It is anticipated that Barnes & Noble will make an annual contribution to the campus of about \$170,000. There is also money in reserves from the Bookstore. A decision will be made later to determine what the money will be used for.

Most construction projects are moving forward except for KE103. It is on hold until next summer.

Tuition hearing is tentatively set for May 3.

2. Non-personnel, non-compensation items will be carried forward at zero increases unless certain things you want to be reallocated to another object code.
3. Gerry passed out the tentative agenda for the new student convocation on August 16, 2007. There will be assigned areas for faculty to meet with their students. Stuart will send out a final e-mail and final agenda to faculty. Each academic unit should set up what they want to do for their part of the program. Christina takes care of rooms, food, equipment, etc. Purdue will also be part of the program. The book chosen for everyone to read is, *In the Land of No*.

During last Saturday's orientation 167 students and 105 parents participated.

4. Kathryn Widman discussed Take Back the Night. There were over 400 people with 370 walkers participating. IU Kokomo raised \$5,500. April 22, 2008 is the date for next year's event. It's clear that there is a serious educational component in civic activities linking them to curriculum. Education students put \$1,000 of their own money on their project for the Domestic Violence Center.
5. Sue Sciame-Giesecke is chairing a committee that went to a self-study conference. She will be putting information on the web site. She will have draft of self-study program done by spring and launch the program at the fall convocation.
6. Bob Bontrager is coming here as a consultant to look at recruitment, marketing, and retention activities. He will also look into our operations and the practices we engage in and see if they are as effective as they could be. How do we deal with students when they show up? How can we work more effectively? Can we organize our efforts more effectively? Are our resources sufficient? We need to use our dollars more effectively and need an external look at what we are doing. We need to find out how to market the difference between us and our competitors. How do we get people to understand the qualitative difference?
7. Bill Yost and Stuart Green met with a group of students concerned about the LEC move. Kristen Snoddy put together a general list of frequently asked questions. After the meeting their only concern is that they want printing available to them in the Main Building. We are looking into making KO180 into a student lounge and having one or two printers available to students. Also, the students would like to be informed or involved in changes that affect them and the reason they are being done.