

Indiana University Kokomo Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2012 Meeting

Attended by: Alnusair, Armstrong, Becker, Besel, Bever, Boschmann, Bourke, Bradley, Brown, Calhoon, Cameron, Casey, Chauret, Clark, Covington, Cox, Darr, Deerly, Dibie, Douglas, Downey, Ficht, Finkler, Gillette, Gottemoller, Grabner-Hagen, Greenwood, Hansen, T. Harris, Heath, He, Heath, Holcomb, Hughey, Ison, Jeong, Jones, Keener, Kim, Krause, Lukes, McFarland, McGovern, McLean, Meybodi, Mishler, Motl, Nur, Paese, Parkison, Pico-Argel, Poe-Greskamp, Pratt, Provost, Rifai, Rink, Roden, Rosales, Ross, Saam, Sciame-Giesecke, Sebastian, Sehr, Shott, Skoczen, Steel, Sullivan, Thorpe, Tormoehlen, Van Alstine, Wallace, White, Whitmore, Yan *Guests:* K. Ross, C. Dodd

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2012		Approved
2. Election of Faculty Senate Officers for 2012-2013	<p>The following faculty were elected: President: Christopher Darr Vice President: Gregory Steel Secretary: Joseph Keener Parliamentarian: Joshua Gottemoller UFC Representative: Yusuf Nur</p>	Officers elected.
3. Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs' Remarks: Sue Sciame-Giesecke	<p>Sciame-Giesecke announced the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The B. S. in History has been approved by the ALC • The new structure for the former SOAS has been approved • Enrollments for summer and fall 2012 are up substantially • The Hospitality/Tourism degree is on hold • Reappointments are moving forward • Salary letters should be sent at the end of June • Honors Day and the Master's Hooding Ceremony will be May 7 • The Nursing ceremony will be May 3 • Dr. McGovern will be giving a research presentation on April 30 • Commencement is May 8 in the new pavilion • The new position of Assessment Coordinator will be advertised shortly • If faculty need to move a final exam, contact Kathy Parkison • Deans and Chairs will be working on revision of the summer schedule • Next year's focus will be on degree completion 	
4. Report from the Special Committee for Online Instruction (Diana Mishler and Christina Downey, Co-Chairs)	<p>The newly appointed Special Committee for Online Instruction will work on the following items in preparation for a more complete report in November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the status quo of online instruction for the campus • Develop/approve recommendations in order to take a thoughtful approach to online 	

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	<p>instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help develop a Faculty Senate resolution that will articulate its stance toward how online instruction should grow and expand on campus <p>The committee requests that faculty send e-mails with suggestions and comments to the committee's Oncourse project site. These comments might deal with curriculum issues such as how decisions are made about which courses to offer, the implications for general education, and how online instruction affects the completion of requirements. Also, other issues addressed might be how intellectual property will be protected, the kinds of resources that would be used, and the development of a handbook for teaching. The committee will address how the courses are evaluated, what kind of instructor course designs are in place, which students are prepared, how the courses are monitored, and how online courses compare to face-to-face courses. The committee will organize focus groups in the fall with students and faculty.</p>	
5. Approval of 2016 Calendar (Cindy Ison, Chair, Calendar Committee)	The 2016 calendar was presented for approval.	Approved. See handout.
6. Approval of two degrees, policy on exceptions for general education (Steve Cox, Chair, Educational Policies Committee)	The two degree proposals for the B. S. degrees in Environmental Management and Homeland Security were tabled for further revision. The policy on exceptions for general education was retracted. Faculty are invited to send comments on any of these documents.	Drafts of these documents were distributed and are included in the print Archives in the Library.
7. Report on Advisory Board of the Vice President for Research (Ligaya McGovern, Board Member)	McGovern reported on the formation of the Research Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to help the Vice President for Research be more aware of resources, challenges, and interests of faculty in regards to research. The Committee will help raise the profile of research on all campuses and provide resources for grant preparation.	
8. Report on SORT training (Christina Downey, Committee Member)	Faculty will have the opportunity in September 2012 to participate in training in dealing with troubling student behaviors.	
9. Health Care Costs (Mary Bourke, IU Committee Member)	In an additional item for the agenda, Bourke explained the changes that have taken place in the IU health plans.	Handout.