

Indiana University Kokomo Faculty Senate Minutes

Jan 28th, 2013 2:30-3:30 KC 130 Meeting

Attended by: Alnusair, Becker, Besel, Bever, Boschmann, Bourke, Brown, Calhoon, Casey, Cheng, Chulkov, Clark, Cook, Cox, Darr, Davis, Deerly, Downey, Ficht, Gillette, Gottemoller, Greenwood, Greskamp, Hampshire, He, Heath, Heckman, Holcomb, Horn, Hughey, Jones, Kaiser, Keener, Kim, Krause, Lukes, McGovern, McLean, Motl, Narwold, Nur, Parkison, Pico, Pratt, Preece, Provost, Roden, Rosales, Sciame-Giesecke, Sebastian, Smith, Snoddy, Steel, Thorpe, Wallace, Weller, White, Whitmore.
Guests: Dodd, Ross, Stroman, Thomas, Yebei

Topic: Approval of October Minutes

Discussion: Minutes amended to change wording from “CTLA will prepare a handbook..” to “The Distance Education Coordinator will prepare a handbook...”

Action: Approved

Topic: Approval of November Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approved

Topic: President’s Remarks (Darr)

Discussion:

- Discussion topics today will be eventual voting items
- Encouraged members to attend budget hearings on February 19th and 20th as part of the decision-making process. Included post-hearing session.
- IU Kokomo Financial Open House: Jan. 29th, 30th, and 31st. Stressed transparency.
- IU Online Town hall February 11th. Questions about the new initiative and distance education will be welcomed
- Independent Study Policy. Permission from dean as the study is happening is needed in order to bank hours. Should we update the policy? Can we make the compensation monetary? Will go to Faculty Affairs.

Action: None

Topic: Interim Chancellor’s Remarks (Sciame-Giesecke)

Discussion:

- Transition of leadership’s financial impact on upcoming budgets. Accounting explained by Philemon Yebei
- Updates on Main Building, Wellness Center, Gym, Athletics, Under enrolled programs, and healthcare impact
- Discussed Applied Research Center, connection to community, and passed out higher education articles.

Action: None

Topic: Statewide General Education Core (Darr, Cox, and Parkison)

Discussion:

- One year to have these outcomes in place
- Has to go through EPC. Steve Cox offered three options: 1. Adopt all of the state’s six ways of knowing 2. Add our three to the state’s six. 3. Leave our program as it is but show through mapping how our programs align with the state’s ideas.
- Must be mapped by the end of the semester.

- We are already ahead, though our outcomes will need work
- Opportunity to update names and courses. Despite mapping, we would still have to make changes.
- Transfer difficulties, such as gpa.
- EPC will have program teams in February—expect an email.
- Must be passed by April Faculty Senate meeting

Action: Though no vote was taken, a consensus was reached that mapping the existing program is the ideal way to deal with this concern.

Topic: Possible Committee Elimination (Darr)

Discussion:

- Assessment Committee and Assessment Council
- Should faculty control assessment? Makeup of faculty committee versus administration council. Original committee watchdog function. No action taken or meetings held. Rolling due dates of reports and lack of clout lead to ineffectual committee. Breakdown in process? New WEAVE software may help.
- Graduate Programs Committee (Not Graduate Affairs Committee). Also a Council version. Change functions? Possible by-laws change? A review of what each does is needed. Do we need to change the process and/or purpose? The committee approves graduate courses, so it would be problematic to dissolve.

Action: Faculty Assessment Committee agreed to discuss the issue. Recommendations, comments, and questions should be emailed to Chris Darr.

Topic: Board of Review (Darr)

Discussion:

- Should non-tenured faculty sit on this board?
- Non-tenured faculty reviewing a dean's decisions

Action: Faculty Affairs will look at the Board of Review for a possible constitutional amendment.