

Indiana University Kokomo Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2015 from 2:30 to 3:30pm in KC 130-AC

Attended by: Aamidor, Alnusair, Batis, Bever, Blumenthal, Boruff-Jones, Bourke, Brown, Chauret, Clark, Cook, Costello-Harris, Cox, Holmes (nee Dailey), Darr, Davis (Patricia), Davis (Ros), Deerly, Doss, Downey, Duffit, Ficht, Finkler, Glosser, Grice, Greskamp, Hampshire, Hancock, He, Holcomb, Horn, Hughey, Jones (Sylvia), Kaiser, Kim, Krabbenhoft, Krause, Lukes, Masuda, Medley-Rath, Mishler, Morgan, Motl, Narwold, Nur, Paese, Parkison, Preece, Provost, Roden, Rosales, Ross (John), Sebastian, Sehr, Snoddy, Sullivan, Thorpe, Tormoehlen, Townsend, Tulley, Wallace, Westervelt, Whitmore, Eiler (SGA).

Guests: Dodd, Thomas, and Ross (Kathy).

Topic: Approval of minutes (Darr)

Discussion: None.

Action: Minutes approved.

Topic: President's Remarks (Darr)

Discussion:

- Chris has initiated talks with both the Chancellor and Doug Eder regarding faculty-led assessment initiatives and the faculty's desire to take (back) greater responsibility for assessment on campus.
- Barbara Sehr's announcement regarding the Women Build program
- Chris encouraged all faculty to attend the Budget Hearings in mid-February 2015.

Action: None

Topic: Honorary Degree

Discussion: Chris described the voting process on honorary degrees and the ins-and-outs of Robert Rules in this situation. The important question to ask is how many "yes" votes does it require for there to be an approved (and legitimate) vote? So, to clear up the whole issue, Chris re-introduced the motion to the floor. Shirley Aamidor asked how it came to be that this particular name came up as a nominee. Vote was taken.

Action: Vote passes (37 to 23, with 2 abstentions).

Topic: Bylaws Amendment (representation) (Darr)

Discussion: This, in short, is a workload issue. Chris explained the ins-and-outs of the proposed bylaws amendment to restructure committee representation and workload for FS committees.

Action: Passed.

Topic: EPC courses (Cox)

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: None taken.

Topic: GenEd Updates (Cox)

Discussion: Steve discussed the two proposals currently on the table for revising the way in which and the frequency with which course changes to GenEd are made. The two proposals should be considered a “package deal.” Faculty asked clarification questions related to the frequency of the changes and how the retroactive aspects of Proposal #2 would work. The proposals are structured to simplify the process. On the advisor side of things, the way that the software is set-up could add an extra load to the advisors in terms of their data entry. Waiting until the last minute to submit these changes is also not a good idea.

Action: Passes.

Topic: Research Support Group (Batis)

Discussion: Jeff explained the meeting schedules for the Spring meetings of the RSG, and announced the first Faculty Research Symposium on April 9, 2015 from 11:30am to 1:30pm in KC 130-AC.

Action: None (informational item).