

Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes: 2-26-08

Present: Denise Bullock, Mary Fell, David Frantz (ex-officio), Laverne Nishihara (chair), Sherry Rankin (recorder)

Absent: Emily Winburn, TJ Rivard

On Sabbatical: Mort Seddighin

FAC approved the minutes of the 2-12-08 meeting as revised.

Laverne gave the following updates:

- 1) At the last meeting, Mary Fell had brought up the possibility of posting the minutes from Senate standing committees on the Faculty Senate website. Senate President Markus Pomper said that he has been waiting to get a password from IT in order to do this. Minutes from confidential meetings (ex., AAA suspension hearings) must remain confidential.
- 2) The possibility of a term limit for the Faculty Senate President is not being pursued at this time.
- 3) At the last meeting, FAC raised no objections to having the AAUP examine IU East policies to see whether faculty are adequately protected in cases of promotion and tenure, dismissal, etc. Markus Pomper said that he will look into how IU East can make use of this service from AAUP.

Bylaws Revisions

The Committee discussed a message from Markus Pomper advocating a revision to the IUE Bylaws, Section III, regarding the Faculty Senate President's reassigned time. The revision would consist of changing from ".50 reassigned time" to "a 12 credit hour reduction in teaching load." In discussion, FAC favored keeping the current language of ".50 reassigned time." One reason was that the Faculty Senate President's reassigned time should not exceed the reassigned time of the division chairs/dean.

Markus will send faculty prior notice for proposed constitutional changes to the Bylaws. Revisions following section III that were disseminated by e-mail were reviewed by the committee. Committee agreed that the proposal of changing the wording of divisions to schools and chairs to deans throughout the Bylaws should wait until July 1st.

Under section VI: Committees

4. b. Curriculum committee- FAC is awaiting comments from East curriculum committee on the proposed changes; under 4. C. *The Curriculum Committee confirms that units affected by curricular changes have been consulted prior to the Committee's approval of changes.*

7. a. Promotion and Tenure Committee

FAC proposing to revise the sentence: The junior faculty member elected each year shall serve as that year's alternate; seniority will be determined by time at IUE to *The faculty member elected each year who has the least seniority shall serve as that year's alternate; seniority will be determined by time at IUE.*

8. Lecturer Long Term Contract Review Committee

Section a. Proposed revising the first sentence to read: *The Lecturer Long-Term Contract Review Committee will consist of 6 faculty members who have each served at least 2 years as faculty at Indiana University East and hold long-term contracts of at least 5 years or are tenured.*

Grammatical changes: capitalize the word East in the paragraph, change the word ember to member, get rid of hyphen after # 5 in first sentence, and place a hyphen in the word long- term throughout the paragraph.

Section VII: Miscellaneous- will defer this section for now.

Administrative Responsibilities and Authorities for Academic Deans document

Concerns about the administrative and teaching workload of the position were discussed. FAC proposed that the administrative duty should be 2/3 time and teaching duty should be 1/3 time. Deans must teach at least one or two courses during a 12 month period.

Also discussed adding a t. under the responsibilities of the Deans: *promote school to the community.*

Laverne will discuss proposals with Larry Richards.

Submitted by: Sherry Rankin