

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

2:30pm-3:30pm

KC 130AC

*Attended by:* Alnusair, Alshuwayer, Bain-Selbo, Blackwell, Blumenthal, Boruff-Jones, Bourke, Bradley, Brown, Canada, Chauret, Clark, Cook, Coppola, Costello-Harris, Cox, Darr, Davis P., Davis, R., Deerly, Dodd, Douglas, Downey, Fisher, Galasso, Gottemoller, Green, Hampshire, Hancock, He, Heath, Heckman, Holcomb, Horn, Hummeid, Jaworski, Jones, Kaiser, Keener, Kingsley, Knudson-Stanley, Komar, Krabbenhoft, Leffler, Liu, Masuda, Medley-Rath, Mihai, Morgan, Mugg, Nellis, Oslawski-Lopez, Parkison, Pico, Preece, Pusnik, Rassel, Rifai, Romero-Ivanova, Rosales, Saam, Sciame-Giesecke, Sebastian, Snoddy, Spasato, Steel, Steinke, Stouse, Sullivan, Swartzendruber, Taff, Tebbe, Tormoehlen, Tupa, VanAlstine, J., Wang, Waters, Weller, Woo, Zody. Troutman (SGA)

Note: *Quorum was met*

### 1. Approval of November 2017 minutes

Action: approved

### 2. General Remarks: President, TJ Sullivan

The president reminded faculty to be aware of the rules for scheduling finals (check policies online, lecture finals cannot be given during the final week).

Other topic: Criterion 2 on HLC is available on canvas- Criteria 3 and 4 will be posted soon (upcoming meetings). Any comments or corrections for criterion 2 document can be sent to Kathy Parkison.

### 3. Gen-Ed, EPC, Steve Cox

Steve Cox provided some background information on reasons why changes to the IU general education are currently being discussed: our current gen-ed requirement consists of around 40 credit hours, while most other campuses (within and outside of IU) are typically in the low 30s. Due to that it could hurt us with obtaining and retaining transfer students as well as online students.

Note: our total credit hours for degrees does not exceed that of other campuses, since Gen-ed hours are within our degrees.

Original idea: Drop the number categories within the Gen-Ed and keep them within the degrees (i.e. they are not really gone). However, EPC took this update as a chance to look back at gen ed requirements, that have been in place and unchanged for over ten years. Therefore the suggestion by the EPC was to form a taskforce that could revamp and look at these Gen-ed requirements.

Rationale for EPC task force proposal:

- Avoids having three cohorts of gen-ed programs going through at once

- Since the Gen-ed courses are mostly taught by sciences, humanities, and social sciences, these programs should have adequate representation in the task force (unlike in the EPC)
- don't want to change in the middle of HLC accreditation
- distribute EPC work load by creating a task force for this particular task
- making the Gen-Ed more flexible and competitive state-wide

Discussion/comments/suggestions by faculty senate members:

- verbiage of proposal: does not mention advison and admissions → ensure the presence of some advising member (i.e. input from advising recommended)
- Ensure to have a task force with members who are also teaching or involved with most Gen-Ed courses (e.g. math faculty)
- Suggestion for task force creation was made to change the wording to: "chaired by two deans who will be non-voting"

Other related information: Kathy Parkison will include the information on the proposed task force and future work on the campus wide Gen-Ed requirements with the Criterion 3 report

Action: does not require a vote to form an EPC task force. This was an informational item open for discussion.

**4. Gen-Ed & other information, Sue Sciam-Giesecke**

Discussion/Information:

Chancellor Sue Sciam-Giesecke, handed out enrollment information for spring 2018: IUK showed the largest increase (2%) of all IU campuses and together with IU Bloomington was the only campus not to lose students (IU Bloomington increased their student population by 0.3%).

General comments by chancellor on enrollment and Gen-Ed:

- we have to stay vigilant on enrollment
- 30 out of the 50 we added came from new School of Business MBA program enrollment
- New degrees, joint online programs, athletics, international students, KEY program, Illinois students, and continuing to pay "royal" marketing company are all factors that were involved in the increase in student enrollment for IUK.
- chancellor visited all the different departments and shared "Scott Jones" report to get faculty feedback and to share the information with everyone on campus.
- chancellor asked faculty to share concerns and opinions in the meetings she holds with the departments/units, since it is important to help her make decision that the faculty is behind

Questions/comments by faculty: Will we get on-campus dorms? Answer: she was given the information that we will not be getting any on-campus housing (although off-campus housing will be increased), however the gym building will go forward.