

Minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting January 22, 2008

Present: Laverne Nishihara (chair), T.J. Rivard, Mary Fell, Denise Bullock (recorder), David Frantz (ex-officio), Sherry Rankin, Emily Winburn

On Sabbatical: Mort Seddighin

Minutes

- Minutes of the 12/11/07 meeting were approved

Constitutional Revisions

Section 1.3

- Laverne shared the following statements concerning the policy on Emeritus faculty to aid our discussion.

From the Constitution of the Indiana University Faculty
Emeritus:

“The Emeritus faculty member has some of the rights and privileges of regular faculty members. See campus-specific documents for specific procedure” (p. 61 of the IU Academic Handbook).

From the IU East Policy on Emeritus Faculty:

“Retirees awarded the title may be accorded the following privileges: . . .

7. with the recommendation of the faculty senate, voting privileges in the faculty senate” (second page of the IU East Policy on Emeritus Faculty).

- The committee agreed that we have not followed our own policy. Though emeriti need the recommendation of faculty senate to have voting privileges, they have automatically appeared on the senate sign-in sheets and have counted toward quorum.
- Rights have been granted on an individual basis. David asked if we should even list this.
- The committee discussed the section 1.3 statement and proposed changes. Denise stated that the additional sentence adds clarity. TJ stated that there needs to be consistency in language. Mary suggested we just replicate the all-IU policy language.
- Committee decided to strike the underlined section, use the all IU statement, and shift the underlined statement to the bracketed, information section.

Section 3.2

- Committee suggested no further changes.

Section 4.4

- Laverne suggested striking the bracketed comment. The committee agreed. Laverne will check the sabbatical leave policy.

General Comments

- Committee proposed to present only the revised sections of the constitution to the faculty.
- We will present the revisions to the divisions first (sent electronically).
- Laverne will correct and distribute the document electronically.
- We agreed to leave off “acting” faculty from the designations of members because IU East has not used the title of acting faculty.
- Mary suggested finding other ways to engage and encourage part-time faculty involvement on the campus.

Bylaws

- The bylaw revisions were approved.
- Laverne will send the bylaws to Larry and Dan to review prior to distribution to divisions.

Respectfully submitted by: Denise Bullock