

Indiana University Kokomo Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday, October 10th, 2016 at 2:30pm in KC130B

Attended by: Aamidor, Alnusair, Alshuwayer, Bever, Boruff-Jones, Bradley, Brown, Carrigan, Cook, Coppola, Costello-Harris, Deerly, Fisher, Gottemoller, Hampshire, He, Heath, Heckman, Holcomb, Hughey, Hur, Jones Scott, Kaiser, Kim, Knudson-Stanley, Komar, Krabbenhoft, Lukes, Masuda, Medley-Rath, Meybodi, Morgan, Nur, Parkison, Rassel, Rifai, Roden, Saam, Sebastian, Steinke, Sullivan, Swartzendruber, Thorpe, Tormoehlen, Townsend, Tupa, Wallace, White, Zhong. Note: *Quorum was not met*

1-Topic: Approval of September 2016 minutes (Steel)

Discussion: None.

Action: approved

2-Topic: Change in campus mission statement (Parkison)

Discussion: Kathy Parkison explained that the campus mission statement needs to be changed to include certain terms for a Carnegie engaged campus (which will not apply until 2019). She re-read the mission statement with the originally proposed changes in caps:

“The mission of Indiana University Kokomo, a regional campus of Indiana University, is to enhance the educational and professional attainment of the residents of north central Indiana THROUGH EFFECTIVE TEACHING, LEARNING, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND by providing a wide range of bachelor's degrees, and a limited number of master's and associate degrees. Indiana University Kokomo is further dedicated to enhancing research, creative work, and other scholarly activity, promoting diversity and inclusion, and strengthening the economic and cultural vitality of the region and the state through a variety of COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, partnerships and programs.”

Several suggestions to add to this statements were made during the meeting. Faculty agreed that those terms/changes to be added are things we are already doing as a campus and would not change what we do, but rather show the things we do already. Changes suggested during the meeting are added above statement in red.

Action: quorum was not met, so it was suggested to move the vote online or postpone to next meeting (*added note after meeting: it will be a voting item in the November meeting.*)

3- Community and scholarship discussion (Steel)

Gregory Steel brought started this discussion due to a committee formed by IU President McRobbie that address this topic. Some time was spent on the proposed “no classes meet during lunch hour” idea by Gregory Steel. Faculty mostly agreed that it would not work for many schools or departments, while others commented that this would also eliminate that one hour from being office hours and limit student access to faculty during that time.

Communal space issues were brought up – that there is no convenient space for all of faculty to access and that some community spaces were disrupted by renovations.

Some issues with work load were discussed. Several suggestions were brought up, such as a campus wide holiday party, research support group expansion, etc., but in the end the conclusion

was that we are still not sure how this community and scholarship could manifest itself. Gregory Steel suggested to consider an send ideas or a list of ideas to him.

Action: none