

**Indiana University
Bloomington Faculty Council
Summary of Actions Taken
2008-2009**

Indiana University General Education

The BFC approved the structure of a General Education policy with commitment to a 2011 implementation deadline to coincide with the installation of the Indiana Core 40 as the minimum admission requirement for the state's public four-year universities.

--Approved September 16, 2008

Textbook Adoption Resolution

The BFC adopted a resolution strongly urging faculty, departments and others involved in textbook adoption and ordering to be aware of textbook decision and ordering deadlines set by IU bookstores and to make maximum efforts to place orders by those deadlines so that students can benefit both from an expanded supply of used texts and higher prices paid to students for texts they choose to sell.

--Adopted November 18, 2008

Joint Committee Report on the Proposed Office of the Vice President of Research

The BFC endorsed a joint report from the Faculty Affairs and Research Affairs Committees recommending that the University Graduate School continue to report to Executive Vice President Hanson and not to the Office of the Vice President of Research.

--Approved November 18, 2008

Resolution on General Peter Pace

The BFC adopted a resolution expressing its regret that General Pace was brought to campus in a way which was found offensive to the gay and lesbian community and urging administrators to be sensitive to minority concerns in the awarding of university honors.

--Adopted February 17, 2009

Amendments to the Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty Council

The BFC approved amendments to the Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty Council including, but not limited to, the definition and authority of the faculty, the structure of BFC meetings and the duties of the Secretary.

--Approved March 24, 2009

Intellectual Property Policy Revenue Distribution for Bloomington Campus

The BFC adopted a resolution that the 15% distribution for Campus Units called for by the Intellectual Property Policy be interpreted to mean distribution to the Responsibility Center(s) within which the intellectual property was developed as specified at the time of creation or disclosure. And that the guiding principle for distributing these proceeds to sub-components should balance the principles of placing the proceeds to benefit those close to the area of

research and the likelihood of development of future intellectual property within the Responsibility Center.

--Approved March 24, 2009

Resolution on Establishing a Committee under the Provost to Periodically Review and Make Recommendations on the Stipends of Student Academic Appointees at Indiana University Bloomington

The BFC endorsed a resolution passed by the GPSO recommending the formation of a committee to review stipends that are paid to student academic appointees. This committee will meet in the fall of 2009 and every other year thereafter. It will be organized by the Provost and consist of administrators, faculty and graduate/professional students from each school which awards SAA fellowships.

--Approved March 24, 2009

GPSO Resolution on Late Drop/Add Fees for Graduate Students

The BFC endorsed a recommendation to the Bursar and administration of Indiana University Bloomington to allow students to make changes course changes through the end of the second week of classes without incurring a penalty. This refers not to the administrative fees that are paid by every student but only to the second penalty that is paid by students who do not pay flat tuition.

--Approved April 21, 2009

Revision of the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct Procedures for Bloomington Campus

The BFC unanimously endorsed revisions to the Code to clarify and accord with current practice including the roles of the new Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. Additionally it adds "gender and gender identity" to the list of characteristics protected from discrimination, and shortens the time within which an administrator must consider and refer a formal complaint.

--Approved April 21, 2009

Proposal to Amend Extended-X Policy

The BFC unanimously endorsed a proposal to eliminate the rule restricting eligible courses to those taken in the first 45 hours and use the Pass/Fail deadline (generally in the third week of a course) to avoid the creation of a new line in the academic calendar, while co-coordinating this decision with the analogous decision students face regarding declaration of Pass/Fail.

--Approved April 21, 2009

Proposal to Amend Religious Observances Policy

The BFC endorsed a proposal amending the Religious Observances policy to remove references to the Dean of Faculties and to incorporate and detail the roles of the new Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs and Provost of Indiana University Bloomington. This proposal also specifies that relevant changes to the course calendar furnish an opportunity for further requests for accommodations to be made in a timely manner.

--Approved April 21, 2009

Resolution in Honor of Dan Seldin

The BFC approved a proposal honoring Dan Seldin for his professionalism, good humor and enthusiasm while serving as the Election Supervisor for the Bloomington Faculty Council for the last 32 years.

--Approved April 21, 2009