

Indiana University Kokomo Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, September 14th, 2015 from 2:30 to 3:30pm in KC 130-B

Attended by: Aamidor; Batis; Bever; Blackwell; Boruff-Jones; Bourke; Canada; Chauret; Clark; Cook; Coppola; Darr; Davis, P.; Davis, R.; Deerly; Doss; Downey; Finkler; Gottemoller; Greenwood; Hancock; He; Heath; Holcomb; Holmes; Hughey; Jones, Scott; Jones, Sylvia; Koerner; Krabbenhoft; Krause; Lukes; Madsen; Masuda; McFarland; McGovern; Mihai; Medley-Rath; Meybodi; Morgan; Mouser; Mugg; Narwold; Nur; Paese; Preece; Rink; Roden; Rosales; Sebastian; Steel; Sullivan; Taff; Thorpe; Tormoehlen; Townsend; Tulley; Tupa; VanAlstine; Wallace; Whitmore; Zody.

Guest(s): Dodd and Benken.

Topic: Approval of Apr. 2015 minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approved.

Topic: President's Remarks (Steel)

Discussion: Gregory Steel opened the meeting with an overview of his vision for Faculty Senate in the new academic year, which includes introducing an open discussion period, limiting the number of announcements and informational items at each meeting, and working towards more effective shared governance. Gregory also expressed his desire and the desire of other faculty to change the constitution so that faculty senate might be limited to faculty who are in a primarily non-managerial role on campus (i.e., any faculty in a managerial role "higher" than Chair). Michael Tulley expressed his support for this idea and then led a brief discussion on the benefits of a representative faculty senate body. Other faculty posed questions and concerns about these models.

Action: None required.

Topic: Election of Nominating Committee and Board of Review/Affirmative Action Liaison (Sebastian)

Discussion: None.

Action: AA Liaison: Davis. BoR (tenured): Aamidor, Ficht, Lukes, McLean (alternate). BoR (untentured): Batis, Gottemoller (alternate), Tormoehlen.

Topic: IRB Updates (Holcomb and Benken)

Discussion: There is a new IU-wide process for researchers seeking IRB approval for research projects.

Action: None required.

Topic: VCAA Positions (Canada)

Discussion: The VCAA's office will soon be conducting searches for three positions: (1) a replacement for Tulley, who is retiring in December 2015; (2) a CTLA Director/Assessment Director; and (3) a VCAA for Student Success. Qualified internal candidates are encouraged to apply.

Action: None required.

Topic: Board of Review Report (Aamidor)

Discussion: BoR processes fall under Article V of academic due process. Last year there was one report, and the case was handled agreeably for all sides.

Action: None required.

Topic: Open-floor Discussion

Discussion: There were three main topics of discussion: (1) the size of the CTLA space and its various implications; (2) exploring the question of whether tenured faculty on the capacity model (i.e., teaching a 4/4 course load per academic year) are eligible for sabbatical and sabbatical-like leave; and (3) faculty are concerned about the value of some of the requests they have been receiving from other units on campus, including a recent invitation to coordinate activities for a large group of kindergarteners. Nancy Greenwood also raised the issue of the lack of available parking on campus and the escalating costs of parking permits for faculty.

Action: None required.