

Deans Council Minutes 3-26-09

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Present: Bever, Sarratore, Dible, Sciame-Giesecke, Hughey, Wellington, Swails, Wallace

VC Sarratore – look at sustainability in terms of how it affects curriculum and programming. What is happening in our curriculum now that focuses on sustainability; what should we be doing? Read the March/April issue of Indiana Alumni Magazine which has some good articles on sustainability. Linda will get copies for those who do not get the magazine.

VC Sarratore will send a memo to faculty reminding them that they are expected to attend Commencement (May 12 at 10:30) and the Honors Convocation on May 11.

There is a candidate coming Friday, March 27 for the Interim Dean of Arts & Sciences position. Please attend a session.

Sciame-Giesecke passed out a list of questions the accreditation team might ask. The team will be meeting with groups including staff at open session. Everyone should be aware of these questions.

VC Sarratore passed out a report Sharon Calhoon did on assessment by units. Please look over and discuss with your faculty.

The Educational Policies Committee voted to have a C- accepted for transfer students in 1991. Recently, a student was told by an Admissions counselor that they could not transfer a course

because of a C-. For eighteen years Admissions has not been implementing the C- policy. Please get opinions from your faculty and be prepared to discuss at a future Senate meeting.

Faculty do not always evacuate the building when there is a situation and everyone is told to leave the building. We had a gas leak the other day and everyone was told to evacuate. Some people faculty would not let their students leave. Please remind your faculty that when they are told to evacuate, they must do so.

Between now and April 13, please set up individual meetings with VC Sarratore to go over your budget and budget issues. Cabinet budget hearings are being held on April 16 and your information is needed before then.

Foundations of Excellence for next year. There will be nine committees involving 90-108 people from campus. A list of dimensions with tasks was handed out to all. Task forces will be put together later in the summer.

Announcements, issues, concerns? none

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