

Minutes

Bloomington Faculty Council Minutes for August 29, 2023

1. The Bloomington Faculty Council held its regular biweekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, August 29, 2023, in Presidents Hall. With Provost Rahul Shrivastav as the Presiding Officer and Lecturer Chase McCoy acting as secretary, the meeting convened at 2:31 p.m.
2. The [minutes of April 18, 2023](#) were approved.
3. Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Carrie Docherty read a [memorial resolution for Professor Patrick O'Meara](#) 1938 – 2021).
4. Professor Colin Johnson, Faculty President, welcomed the new and returning members to the BFC for 2023-2024. The council was given an update on how the BFC functions, and how faculty across the campus can participate in shared governance. He discussed his recent meeting with the Board of Trustees. The council was reminded of the BFC Townhall open to all faculty on September 12 from 3:30 – 5:00 in the Whittenberger Auditorium. He announced the formation of a new LGBTQ+ faculty and staff council on campus. Documents were shared that listed the BFC members and committees for 2023-2024, and summarized the work of the 2022-2023 BFC.

[B1-2024: Bloomington Faculty Council Members 2023-2024](#)

[B2-2024: Bloomington Faculty Council Committees 2023-2024](#)

[B3-2024: Summary of Actions Taken 2023-2024](#)

5. Provost Shrivastav began the Presiding Officer's Report by welcoming the new students and faculty to campus. He provided a brief update on the status of the IUB 2030 strategic plan, and the work that was undertaken by the plan's Executive Leadership Team during the 2023 summer. The Provost updated the council on the progress of [Accelerated Master's Programs \(AMP\) IU](#), and the development of new AMP programs. He discussed the campus' transition of undergraduate summer course registration to the fall; an effort being led by Vasti Torres, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. The [Faculty 100](#) hiring initiative is moving forward into the second phase. He announced the recent hire of Julie Heath as the executive director of IU Innovates, updated the council that Lamar Hylton will begin his role as the Vice Provost for Student Life starting the week of September 4, and welcomed the new Dean of the Media School, David Tolchinsky. He provided search updates for the Dean of Optometry and the Dean of the Hamilton Lugar School. He ended by reminding everyone of the opening of The Vault Pub in the IMU on September 1. Following his report, the Provost took questions. He answered the first question about who to contact regarding the IUB 2030, by directing anyone with questions to reach out to those leading the effort, which can

be found on the [plan's website](#). The next question was about the current policies and procedures for reporting COVID-19 cases, masking, and student attendance. The current campus guidelines can be found on the [Protect IU website](#). The campus is following the current CDC guidelines. The next question addressed concerns over the campus' goal to increase undergraduate summer course offerings. The Provost responded by stating that this effort will take time and that departments are encouraged to work with OVPUE. The final question was raised by the Graduate and Professional Student Government about what the campus is doing to improve the availability of affordable housing in the city of Bloomington. The Provost acknowledged this concern, and stressed this is major issue for the city's residents as well. The campus is developing solutions, including working with IU Real Estate to prioritize graduate students, and with Residential Programs and Services to provide emergency housing.

6. Anthony Prather, Vice President and General Counsel, provided the council with an update on the impact on IU from two recent SCOTUS decisions on race-based admissions practices: *Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina*, and *Students for Fair Admissions v. President and Fellows of Harvard College*. He stated that Indiana University will no longer be allowed to use race and ethnicity in admissions decisions. However, the court's decision does not impact the use of race and ethnicity for scholarships and financial aid, outreach and recruitment, and data collection. He also read [President Whitten's response to the decision from June 29, 2023](#).
7. Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, David Johnson, and Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School, David Daleke, presented on the IUB campus' response to the SCOTUS decisions and its impact on our undergraduate and graduate recruiting and admissions efforts. While the campus will continue to collect race and ethnicity on the undergraduate and graduate student applications for data collection and reporting purposes, these categories have been removed from the PDF of an individual's application during the application review process, and will not be available to application reviewers.
8. The co-chairs of the [Executive Leadership Team \(ELT\)](#) for IUB 2030, Rick Van Kooten, Executive Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Stacy Morrone, Dean of the School of Education, provided an update on the work that was undertaken over six weeks during the summer. The ELT met to discuss and develop the roadmap and high-level plan for implementing the [three pillars of IUB 2030](#). Following their report, they were asked whether faculty will be updated on the plan's progress. The website will be updated whenever there is progress, there will be a periodic report given to the BFC, and they plan to publish a dashboard that details the status. They were asked how evidence-based teaching and experiential learning, detailed in the plans goals, will be considered in a faculty's tenure and promotion case. In response, promotion and tenure criteria are encouraged to be evaluated to ensure that they align with the campus' goals. The final question asked for clarification regarding the status of the plan's implementation. Dean Morrone stated that the plan they have developed is the

beginning of the planning process and should be considered a high-level roadmap, and that faculty are encouraged to participate in its development.

9. Moira Marsh, Head of the State AAUP Conference and IUB Librarian for Anthropology, Folklore, and Sociology, presented on the American Association of University Professors. She provided an overview of the AAUP and shared how IU faculty can become a part of the [Bloomington Indiana Chapter](#).
10. The meeting concluded at 4:08 p.m.