

Reasons for Revision

In the current policy, the UFC purports to set procedures for Board of Trustees' meetings. The UFC lacks such authority, the policy is not actually followed, and the policy as written may contradict Indiana law on executive sessions. The policy approving faculty involvement beyond the co-chairs attending and giving a report was implemented only once, at the request of then-President Myles Brand. Deletions are indicated by strikes, and additions are in red and underlined.

Scope

This policy applies to all Board of Trustee meetings.

Policy Statement

A. Faculty Participation in the Open Sessions of the Board of Trustees Meetings

The ~~Co-Secretaries~~ co-chairs of the University Faculty Council should attend open sessions of the Board of Trustees meetings and present reports as a regular feature of the Board of Trustees agenda. The Board of Trustees may also invite and hear from the leaders of faculty governance on the campus at which the meeting is held. The ~~Co-Secretaries~~ co-chairs of the University Faculty Council may also request to be allowed to participate in the Board's discussions concerning where appropriate, to insure that the Board is be aware of the Faculty's ~~position on such~~ issues that are ~~as may be~~ of direct concern to the Faculty.

B. Faculty Participation in the Executive Sessions of the Board of Trustees Meetings

From time to time, the President shall discuss with the Board of Trustees the advisability of the ~~senior co-secretary~~ co-chairs of the University Faculty Council attending ~~shall attend~~ Trustee executive sessions at which issues of direct concern to the faculty are discussed. ~~If the senior co-secretary is unavailable to attend a session, the junior co-secretary shall attend the session in place of the senior co-secretary. Should there be an executive session or portion of executive session in which faculty participation is inappropriate, the president of the University will consult with the senior co-secretary to identify those sessions. Examples of such sessions include those in which discussions occur regarding personnel matters, litigation, and collective bargaining.~~

C. Nothing in this practice policy is designed to discourage, displace, or prevent such informal contacts between members of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty as now exist. Formal representation is intended to serve as the basis for expanded informal, as well as formal, conversations between members of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty.