

Academic Council Minutes
June 22, 2006

Present: Green, Cass, Calhoon, Roales, Sehr, Dibie, Hakes, Aniskiewicz, Stachacz, Pati, Stroman

1. IVY Tech Articulations Update – We are still moving forward on articulating additional courses. The number has been bumped up from 70 to 88 new courses. There is an IU policy that covers all of IU which states that IU will not accept 200 level courses or 100 level courses as equivalent to 300 level courses. That rule has been broken by SPEA and the door has been opened. How to manage the growing number of articulations will be a subject of the next ALC retreat.
 2. Summer School 2007 - Deans and chairs have reviewed and revised the 2007 summer schedule as appropriate. Some have indicated they are dropping Friday classes and extending the time per class. Other shave indicated they will be concentrating more on required courses in their respective majors. We are under projected credit hours for Summer I and Summer II and are over budget. So far the enrollment for fall looks like that trend is continuing. It might be time to bring in the Registrar to take a look at the schedule of classes and how to make it better for students.
 3. New Student Convocation – This will be held on August 19 at 4 pm. A Task Force representing all academic units was set and has met several times to design this event. At the convocation students will take a pledge. They will see a video of the author of Enrique’s Journey, and in the fall will attend a lecture by the author. Students will report to W131 class and interact with their instructors. They will receive T-shirts and attend a barbeque. Deans and Vice Chancellors may cook the food and meet and greet. Also, alumni will be there to talk with students. We expect 400-600 students to attend. Gerry needs each unit to tell her how many faculty will be attending so she can get a good count. Each unit will have a table and should bring pamphlets, brochures, table cover, etc.
- Note: On August 11 there will be a job fair hosted by us for Senator Bayh.
4. TIME – Handouts were passed around. We don’t when this will take place.
 5. VC Green asked how can we more fully engage our new faculty – over the last several years our programs have seen a large turnover of new faculty members . We have been doing many searches which cost us money and time. What can we do for new faculty regarding methodology, pedagogy, research, etc., and be more socialized to make things easier for them?

Do we need mentors for our new faculty? Should we assign faculty who have been here for two or three years to mentor the new faculty members? How do we manage this? Would it not work well to assign mentors since there may not be

any chemistry there to make it work? Nursing and Business both have unit events with students that bring a sense of community with the university.

6. Retention – Retention will receive additional attention in the coming year as it is a significant factor in program and institutional stability.