

2019 11/27 UFC Meeting Notes

Motion to approve: Alex, Second: Smith
Passed.

Executive Meeting review:

1. IUB campus vote in the fall, all three amendments passed. NTT membership on BFC increased. The details will be worked out by the Nominations Committee (how many NTT exactly on the BFC).
2. IFC also put in a plan to increase NTT on the IFC.

Comments from President McRobbie:

1. In the legislature, the Republicans kept their supermajority in both houses.
2. Review of the legislative budget cycle. He reviewed the capital requests in his State of the University address. The Indiana Commission of Higher Education finance committee reviews the requests. Generally, the ICHE tends to treat all Indiana institutions the same regardless of size. IU will be making a case for considering state support based on size (number of students) in the next presentations to the legislature.
3. Review of state level changes to committee chairs. IU is reaching out to the new committee chairs.
4. Expect the final budget for IU from the state in June.
5. Bill Stephans has taken over federal relations. Trevor Founy took over state relations.

Comments from VP John Applegate:

1. The School of Continuing Studies, which closed a few years ago, addressed the education of adult learners. The ICHE wants a focus on adult learners who want or need to attend / finish college. This population of students who dropped out of college are both a potential source of students in the future, and improves the future workforce. IU has been trying to reconnect with these former students. The outreach to our former students who left college is being coordinated at the campus level.

Policies

1. **Records Retention (Alex Tanford):** The university is currently working on a new policy to modernize and make uniform the record retention policies. UFC policy review committee recommends waiting for the University Counsel to develop the new, more uniform record retention policy, and we will then review and make recommendations. The review on the IUB campus was slowed by the mold crisis. Alex will represent the UFC (and the UFC Policy Review Committee) on the University committee looking at the records retention policy. Of potential interest is that they may deal with teaching records, which may include FRPA consideration.
2. **UFC Policy Review Committee (Alex Tanford):** Proposal to create a UFC Policy Review Committee to look through all university policies. Decide which can be left alone, which need to be rescinded, which need to be updated or totally changed. We have, apparently, policies back to 1949 that haven't been looked at or changed. The proposal is to include 6 faculty members (2 IUB, 2 IUPUI, 2 regional) and to work with Kip Drew, university counsel. Suggestion that the terms of each member be staggered so that there are always members with historical memory. Suggestion that the initial term be 2 years, and the Policy Review Committee's existence be reviewed in 2 years. **Unanimous approval by voice vote.**
3. **Amendments to ACA-74 Financial Conflict of Interest and UA 17 Conflict of Interest combined policy (Joe Wertz, Alex Tanford):** Financial conflict of interest for research was last looked at by

the UFC in 2012. Additional changes to the policy were made by OVPresR, trying to integrate several Conflict of Interest policies into one megapolicy. The changes were briefly mentioned to the BFC and IFC Research Affairs Committees in the early Fall semester, but were not reviewed by the RACs. A task force was established to look at what substantive changes were made related to faculty.

- a. One change was to fuse 2 UFC/Campus COI committees (IUB, IUPUI) to one university-wide committee established by OVPresR. (The IUB COI committee dealt with the regional campuses.) One suggestion (Marsh) was made to have the new COI university-wide committee be established after consultation with the UFC co-chairs, to ensure faculty governance input. (Amendment seconded, approved unanimously.)
 - b. Much of the UA17 university-wide fused COI policy does not deal with faculty, but deals with staff, HR, purchasing, and the Board of Trustees. Most of the COI rules remain in place: departmental oversight, filing for COI, nepotism rules and oversight. Faculty can continue to devote up to 20% time (1 day/ work week) to other professional work activities, paid or unpaid. Faculty do (still) need to disclose this outside work. This does not include research misconduct or sexual harassment, which are covered by separate policies. Marsh noted that by approving the UA-17 omnibus COI policy, we do not cede legislative authority over the issues previously addressed in ACA29 and ACA74. (UA17 – parts related to faculty – approved by unanimous voice vote)
4. National Council of Faculty Senates
- a. First convening meeting coordinated by the Texas Council of Faculty Senates | October 2018. Currently in formation phase (establishment of bylaws, organizational structure, financial plan). Diane Henshel is currently representing IU in the development of Vision, Mission and Bylaws.
 - i. The Vision is proposed as “Empowered Faculty Senates that drive shared governance”
 - ii. “Our **mission** is to advocate and unite faculty senates to support and strengthen shared, effective and influential faculty governance on American university and college campuses”
 - b. One annual meeting per year is planned. John Applegate pledges to support travel to annual meeting for 3 representatives (IUB, IUPUI, regional). President McRobbie suggested 2 year terms for the representatives.