

Indiana University Kokomo Faculty Senate: Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2023 on Zoom, 2:30-3:30pm

Attendees

Acharya, Alshuwaiyer, Baer, Barker, Baxter, Blackwell, Brown, Buckman, Byrd, Canada, Carter, Caruvana, Chimhanda, Christopher, Clark, Cook, Cox, Darr, C. Davis, R. Davis, Dodd, Doss, Finkler, Fisher, Freeman, Galasso, Govindarajulu, Green, W. Grice, Hendricks, Holcomb, Hur, Jaworski, N. Jones, S. Jones, Kaiser, Keith, Komar, Korne, Leicht, Masuda, Medley-Rath, Mendez, Mihai, Miller, Morgan, Oslawski-Lopez, Pickens, Pixley, Plough, Pratt, G. Preece, Sebastian, Shine, Adam Smith, Stanley, Sullivan, Tebbe, Tobin, Tulley, Tupa, Waters, Weller, Whitmore, Yan (**66 attendees – quorum met**)

Minutes

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of Minutes from September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No revisions or suggestions	Approved
President's remarks and updates (Morgan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">UFC Executive Committee meeting Friday, October 13 to determine agenda for October 31 UFC meeting at IUPUI – agenda will be posted on UFC websiteCurrent UFC discussions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consensual relationship policy – aiming to pass updates in DecemberUpdates to Student Code in Spring 2023 – conversations about “significant” academic misconduct and faculty leeway in how to handle these situations – need for clarificationCurrent RFC discussions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Common calendar – last year regional campuses passed a common calendar but two issues remain:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Automatic withdrawal deadline (we voted as a campus to extend this deadline to 10-12 week window in the spring of 2023) – four of five regional campuses have approved a similar deadline, still waiting on fifth campus to see what can be worked out to have consistent deadline (therefore hasn't gone into effect yet)Questions remain about final meeting dates for classes with unusual course formats (those that aren't on a typical class schedule)New policy about short-term military activation (ACA-84)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intended to apply to students who will only be missing smaller portions of coursesFaculty are expected to make reasonable accommodations upon student requestMeant to supplement VPSS-02: Military WithdrawalDirect students to JC Barnett III, VA Certifying Official on Kokomo campus, if questions	None required

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SGA faculty advisor (Mendez Rodriguez)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Mendez Rodriguez, president of Student Government Association • SGA is integral part of campus community – committed to representing interests of student body • Recent achievement: approval for bulletin boards in campus buildings, starting with KC across from bookstore • Other current projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applying for grants for athlete breakfasts ○ Discussing prices and quality with Rozzi's catering • Seeking a faculty advisor to work with Dean of Students, Andrea Halpin, to support guiding SGA for this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role: to serve as a link between faculty and SGA executive members ○ Expected to attend one-hour SGA meetings every other Wednesday at 5pm in KC 130, plus Senate executive meetings on alternate Wednesdays at 5pm ○ Would play pivotal role in fostering conversation and collaboration between student government and Faculty Senate ○ Would also be able to provide support and mentorship to other student government leaders as well • Contact Andy if interested or with any questions (amendzr@iu.edu) 	None required
FutureIU (Cook & Baer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Informational item</u> • Grassroots, faculty-driven, future-focused think tank with specific focus on regional campuses • Regional campuses are particularly vulnerable to the types of crises that are being faced by higher education more broadly • Intended to be non-hierarchical and include faculty and staff • Goal of developing and proposing policies • Importance of three Cs that faculty ostensibly have control over at IU: curriculum, collaboration, career • Is intended to supplement, not replace or compete with, shared governance organizations – instead would benefit from operating in a space outside of bureaucratic structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: chairs and other administrators can more actively participate in certain conversations ○ Example: ability to be more experimental and radical in our thinking due to being detached from formal power centers • Asking for 2-3 champions to volunteer to represent Kokomo campus • Plan to host in-person summit in spring 2024 to begin mapping out intended work • Contact Paul Cook (paulcook@iu.edu) or Adam Maksl (amaksl@iu.edu) • Comments from Mark Baer, Regional Campus Fellow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FutureIU benefits from the support of VP Sciame-Giesecke 	None required

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seems like we're getting a lot of policy proposals from the top-down, FutureIU is opportunity to have more faculty-driven participation ● Not just for faculty, but for faculty <i>and</i> staff – effort to break down siloing ● Questions/discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a way to incorporate staff more into the three Cs? The way the three Cs are written seems to focus largely on tenure-track faculty. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We do need to make it clear that we are welcoming to all faculty and staff. ▪ Explicitly meant to be non-hierarchical – happy to receive any other feedback for this document to make that intention clear. ● Look for official recruitment email from Gin later in the week ● Reach out to Mark Baer (mcbaer@iu.edu) for any faculty concerns 	
Items from the Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● R. Davis: if you signed up for the next reading group, you can pick up books from KO 211D – also keep an eye out for scheduled meetings 	None required

Submitted

Meg Galasso, Secretary
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