

# FACULTY ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES

September 19, 1997

### 1. Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes

Linda Rooda, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Approval of the minutes of the [April](#) meeting was delayed due to distribution difficulties.

### 2. Chancellor's Business

- **A. Diversity Recognition.** The Chancellor noted IUN's recognition in *U.S. News & World Report* as one the most culturally diverse campuses in the state.
- **B. Monument.** The IUN monument has been erected on Eastbound 80/94 at Broadway. The Chancellor congratulated John Black and Bev Pankey for their efforts.
- **C. Buildings.**
  - 1. Hawthorn. Construction is almost complete and should be finished in November.
  - 2. Sycamore and Lindenwood. The carpeting will be upgraded.
  - 3. Tamarack and Moraine. The carpeting in Moraine has already been upgraded. The furniture in both buildings will be improved.
  - 4. Library and Hawthorn. The HVAC system will be improved.
  - 5. Child Care Center. A design has been agreed upon and construction should begin next year.
  - 6. New Activities Building. Construction bidding will begin September 26.
  - 7. New Professional Building. The Legislature has already allocated money for the campus' next new building.
- **D. Enrollment.** Enrollment is up 2.1% over last Fall and enrollment is up in all graduate programs. Undergraduate enrollment remains constant.
- **E. Registration.** The extension of registration times had a positive effect on drop/adds and lines at the [bursar](#) and [bookstore](#). Phone registration was also popular.
- **F. Web Page and Computers.** The Chancellor congratulated Jeni McIntosh-Elkins for a job well done. Kathy Horvath will assume full time responsibility for the Web page. The faculty upgrades to Windows95 should be completed by December.
- **G. Lilly Retention Grant.** The campus has been awarded \$570,000.
- **H. Draft of the Strategic Plan.** The draft is in its final stages and will be distributed to the entire campus in the near future.
- **I. Draft of the Mission Statement.** The draft is in its final stages and will be distributed to the entire campus in the near future.
- **J. Draft of the Vision Statement.** The draft is in its final stages and will be distributed to the entire campus in the near future.
- **K. Advertising and Marketing.** The campus has received positive feedback from the billboards and newspaper advertising. Divisional pamphlets are being revised. Scholarship and faculty/staff resource books are being prepared. The thirty year anniversary celebration was very successful.
- **L. Search Committee.** A search committee for the VC of [Academic Affairs](#) is currently forming.
- **M. Retirements.** The Chancellor acknowledged the retirements of D. Blaney, Nursing; A. Komenich, Modern Languages; M. Reshkin, SPEA; G. Roberts, Political Science; and B. Cope, Student Affairs.

### 3. Vice Chancellor's Business

- **A. FACET.** Nominations are due January 16, 1998
- **B. Graduate Faculty.** Nominations are due October 1, 1997.
- **C. Grants.** A \$250,000 grant to create an environmental justice center has been funded and other grant proposals are going forward.
- **D. Distance Education.** Ameritech has asked the campus to participate in a broadcast of a distance education class. The broadcast will be viewed by the U.S. Senate and possibly carried by CSPAN on October 1.
- **E. Budget.** Still in the evaluation process.
- **F. Computers.** The VC briefly explained recent technological difficulties. A question and answer session involving the Chancellor and VC Moran followed:

*Fac: the staff in the computer center should be praised for the performance in light of recent problems.*

*Fac: there seems to be some confusion over the Macintosh situation on campus.*

*Are these computers being supported? Are they being phased out?*

*Chan: Macs are here to stay.*

*Moran: money has been set aside to upgrade Macs*

*Fac: what is the situation with remote access to email?*

*Moran: in the past a software problem made remote access difficult. However, this has been corrected within in the last two weeks and will be publicized shortly.*

*Fac: it seems that the computer committee's ability to set academic policy about computers has been removed from the committee's charge.*

*Fac: no, the committee can set academic policy on computers. This was added into the [charge in April 1997](#).*

*Fac: what assurances do we have that the server is being backed up?*

*Moran: the server is being backed up every night. We do want to move to a new email system which would send the emails directly to your hard drive.*

*Fac: why were requests for new Mac computers not funded?*

*Moran: the Deans were asked to provide a prioritized list. Because of the limited money available, not every request could be filled, so requests were filled according to the Deans's lists.*

*Fac: I don't even have a cd-rom drive.*

*Moran: Three priorities have been set: to get everyone on the Web, to give everyone cd capability, and then upgrade as many computers as possible. Money is the issue; there isn't money for everything needed.*

*Fac: we should be reminded that even the best computer systems fail. Practice safe computing.*

*Fac: which computer hardware and software to use should fall under academic freedom, and faculty should not be told what type of machine they can use.*

*Chan: people should have what they want up to a point and within funding priorities. We have to set priorities.*

*Fac: money is not the problem. Couldn't we just divide the money evenly and let the divisions decide?*

*Moran: The VC decided on a set of guidelines and [Computer Services](#) followed those guidelines..*

*Med.Fac: we saw the problems on HAW1 coming and installed our own server. Money is not the point, attitudes, particularly towards Mac users, are poor.*

*Fac: agreed. Money is not the problem, the attitudes in Computer Services are.*

*Moran: there's no excuse for the recent technological problems and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure it doesn't happen again. Please bring your concerns to me and I will respond. Mac support is not good for a variety of reasons: sometimes people's personal views interfere; we lost our primary Mac person and have reorganized the unit. Now we need to get people additional training. There are lots of reasons why things are not as they should be and I'm working hard to improve matters. Marilyn Vasquez and I will meet with any group to hear your concerns.*

#### 4. Chair's Business

##### o A. [Executive Committee Report](#).

- 1. A request concerning mid-year commencement was sent to the Academic Ceremonies Committee for investigation.
- 2. Nominations for Faculty representative to the Student Grievance Committee and the Marketing Committee have gone forward.
- 3. Continuing Recognition for Faculty. The issue of recognition for faculty beyond the rank of full professor will be forward to the Faculty Affairs Committee. A temporary ad hoc committee consisting of members of the Budget and Campus Planning & Facilities Committees will be appointed to investigate other methods of recognition.

##### o B. [UFC Report](#). L. Ciminillo reported on [President Brand's state of the university address](#).

Interested parties may view the address over the Web page, or it was published in the recent edition of the IU newspaper.

##### o C. **New Faculty**. A welcome was extended to: Bob Weiler, Sondra Doe, and Eva Pack from Social Work; Shelly Strasser-Holland, [Preforming Arts](#); Chris Huysken, [Geosciences](#); Ellen Szarleta, SPEA.

##### o D. **Announcements**.

- 1. United Way. R. Clements discussed various options for contributing to the program.
- 2. Blood Drive. September 29 from 11:30-3:30. Contact Jim Lowry @ 987- 2295 or S. Konnick @ x6961
- 3. [Bookstore](#). The bookstore manager could not attend today's meeting.
- 4. Latino Heritage. There will be a lecture by R. Contreras.

#### 5. Committee Reports--none

#### 6. Old Business.

##### o A. **Student Advocate Program**. The Faculty is encouraged to nominate students for the program. Nominations should be directed to E. Smith in writing. Two Faculty members are also needed. If interested in volunteering, or if you wish make a nomination, please contact a member of the Student Affairs or [Executive Committee](#).

##### o B. **Sexual Harassment**. Last year an ad hoc committee was appointed to formulate procedures for addressing this issue. What is the status of the committee's work? Don Coffin, past-president, responded that the committee's charge was broader than simply addressing issues of sexual harassment. As a result, the committee, which consisted of M. Ledbetter, R. Needleman, A. Rominger, J. Pellicciotti, and C. Hobson, raised several questions which require answering before moving forward. We are still trying to find the answers. The committee will bring their findings to the Faculty Organization when their work is completed.

## 7. New Business

- o **A. Computers.** The question and answer session regarding this issue continued.

*Fac: What is the policy on purchasing new computers?*

*Moran: Hardware requests are reviewed by the appropriate person in [Computer Services](#) and forwarded if two criteria are met: can the campus support the product, and is this product readily available in the marketplace. There has never been a purchase request held back.*

*Fac: Perhaps it is time to consider, formally, the issue of computer use as it relates to academic freedom. Rooda: This is an issue for the computer committee to examine.*

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30pm

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