

Faculty Organization Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 1, 2013
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Present: Allegrezza, Bandyopadhyay, Bodmer, Dorin, Gallmeier, Hozo, Jones, Lauzon, Rao, Stevens, Zinner, McShane

1. Approval of the minutes of February 1, 2013—A motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2013 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
2. President's Report and Announcements:
 - a. Regional Faculty Caucus Video Conference: Summer Term Compensation—Executive Committee members discussed the Caucus notes Chuck had distributed earlier. Chuck will inform us of the outcome of the video conference on March 12.
 - b. Resolution of Support—Chuck had distributed this resolution of support from IU Kokomo earlier. The Executive Committee discussed the resolution and agreed that we should draft a similar document. Chuck will bring it to the March Faculty Organization meeting. VP Applegate is pleased with the resolution and has expressed his support for it.
 - c. March Elections—Faculty Organization offices up for election include VP, secretary, UFC rep, at-large rep to Executive Committee, and two at large representatives to the campus P&T Committee.
 - d. Registrar, Semester Calendar, and Faculty Organization Calendar Committee—Our past practice for calendar determination was handled by the Fac Org Calendar Committee, approval by Fac Org, and then sent to the Registrar. This procedure seems to have changed with the new Registrar initiating the calendar. Chuck will look into this issue and keep us informed.
 - e. CURE/CISTL Reports—The directors of these Centers used to report to the Faculty Organization but have not done so recently. Executive Committee members agreed that the directors of these centers should report to the Fac Org at the beginning of the Fall semester, reporting on the past fiscal year and plans for the current fiscal year.
 - f. Limits on Board of Trustees Awards—Some of our faculty have won this award repeatedly. Should we impose a limit on how many times one may receive this award, in order to bring new faculty into this recognition? After some discussion, the Executive Committee agreed that limits are appropriate. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that the Executive Committee recommends that the BOT Teaching Award be awarded no more than twice in each rank and no more than 4 times in career, effective in the 2013-2014 academic year.

3. Chancellor William J. Lowe brought the following items to the meeting.
 - a. Interim appointments policy—Chancellor Lowe asked for any comments on this proposed policy which he introduced at the last Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee expressed support for the policy.
 - b. Campus budget—The budget discussions have begun as the campus is facing a budget gap. The base budget will have to shrink. Bright spots include the state legislature’s Ways and Means Committee endorsement of raising the state appropriation for higher education to 3.5%. Also, the Tamarack replacement building is still in the budget which is very good news. Tamarack’s replacement continues to be in the top 2 priority construction projects for IU (the other being the IUB Crescent).
 - c. Advising—A consultant on advising visited the campus recently and noted that advising is becoming a variable for accountability. A question focuses on how do we organize our resources to improve our advising system.
 - d. Classroom utilization/Friday classes—Chancellor Lowe presented this issue, vis-à-vis the regional campuses, to the IU Board of Trustees recently. The Trustees continue to maintain their keen interest in this subject.
4. EVCAA David Malik—Dr. Malik brought the following items to the meeting.
 - a. Low-enrolled degree program initiative—this discussion involves ways to deal with potential efforts to change/eliminate degree programs with enrollments below a certain number.
5. Faculty Ambassadors Committee--Bill Allegrezza, Chair, Admissions Committee, distributed a resolution from the Committee calling for establishment of a Faculty Ambassadors Committee. The Executive Committee suggested that we bring it to the Faculty Organization.
6. Admissions Policy—Bill Allegrezza also brought a draft new admissions policy. Executive Committee members asked that Bill circulate this draft among the group for feedback.
7. Discussion of agenda items for March 22nd Faculty Organization Meeting—Chuck reported that we have a full agenda for the meeting.
8. New Business—Chuck asked that we move the April Executive Committee from April 5 to April 12.
9. Old Business—There was no old business.
10. Adjournment—A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.