

Faculty Organization Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 6, 2013
Library 140A
12:00-2:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of April 12, 2013 - A motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2013 Executive Committee meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
2. President's Report and Announcements:
 - a. IU SB98 Regional Campuses Study Committee - Chuck represents IUN on this committee, charge is to evaluate the IU and Purdue regional campuses vis-à-vis Senate Bill 98. Chuck reports that the committee is still in the process of understanding its purpose. His approach is to remain low key and promote our positive accomplishments. Chuck will distribute the bill to the committee for informational purposes and keep the committee informed going forward.
 - b. HB 1348 – Degree Maps – There were a number of objections raised to the concept of degree maps and to the specifics of these guidelines in particular. Chuck asked for written comments by email to be forwarded to Assistant VP Torstrick.
 - c. Board of Review – one member served on Campus P&T and had to be recused and another elected member officially resigned because he will be on sabbatical this Fall. There are two appeals before the FBOR and both involve failed promotion and tenure cases.
 - d. 2013-2014 Committee Assignments – All committee requests from faculty are in and assignments will be ready before Faculty Org Meeting.
 - e. Changes in FO Meeting Dates both Fall and Spring – The October Faculty Org meeting will be moved to the 25th to allow Chuck to be present to receive the Karl Metz Award for Service to the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences. A second change in the schedule will be in the Spring semester because of a conflict with spring break.
 - f. Faculty Organization Website – some information has not been posted, but will be posted by the end of the semester.
 - g. September 12th Meeting with Executive VP for University Academic Affairs John Applegate and VP, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer Mary Frances McCourt – Chuck stresses the importance of this upcoming meeting.
3. Chancellor Bill Lowe – 12:30-1:00
 - a. The Chancellor reports that fall semester boasts the highest ever enrollment (again). More importantly, enrollment is better than projected, and has us ahead of budget by about \$200,000. Last year we also set enrollment record but missed budget by \$500,000. Thanks to the enrollment management group for their hard work on this issue.
 - b. Environment of “accountability” in the state and national government is creating increasing pressure on how we set priorities. Pres. Obama’s remarks highlight the changing landscape. We have always wanted our students to succeed, but now if they don’t there may be penalties.

- c. Academic Advising is a key concern. A task force has been assembled to evaluate and address advising on campus. Their goal is to strike a balance between guidance and empowerment. Chancellor Lowe has decided to provide backup advisors (a couple of full-time people) who would be available to meet with students if their normal advisor was not available or they were not sure who to talk to. The large incoming class means the threat of a larger achievement gap if they are not well advised.
 - d. New Building – As of July, the state funding for the “new Tamarack” has been freed up by the Governor. The next step is to put together a consultative structure for the design stage. We will come up with a way that faculty, staff and students to have input. Performing and Fine Arts will be the primary residents of the building. About a 1/3 of the building will be occupied by Ivy Tech, but they have done little programming so far.. The Chancellor is optimistic that construction should begin within the year. The building will be Located on the NE corner of 35th and Broadway. Parking will be included in the plan. No design or programming has begun because they didn’t want to be perceived getting ahead of the approval of the project. A skyway across Broadway and parking garage are part of the master plan for the campus, and will be looked at as part of the project, pending additional funding.
 - e. Summer Session – Discounted tuition resulted in a 2% increase in enrollment and a significant loss in revenue. Loss of Pell Grants for summer classes has put downward pressure on enrollment.
 - f. 12 month pay option for full time faculty will be proposed as part of the Summer Session discussion.
 - g. President McRobbie’s welcome message did not include the most flattering representation of IU Northwest.
4. EVCAA David Malik – 1:00-1:30
- a. New Building – Sycamore may come down within the next year. Marketing and Communications will move into the newly renovated Childcare center building.
 - b. High Enrollment Growth coupled with low Revenue Growth (or shortfall) continues to be a top concern. Dual credit enrollment of 1000 students is good, but more growth may not be desirable. IU Northwest now has similar enrollment to IU South Bend.
 - c. Friday classes have paid off – enrollment has more than doubled on Fridays.
 - d. Web enrollment also continues to grow.
 - e. Faculty Hiring Process – Early Retirement Program may hold up some searches because the position must be vacant in order for the funding for the new position to be released. The application process has now been moved entirely online. Info on what hiring can be done will be available next week.
 - f. FLAG system, ADRx Advising system – both are key elements of the plan to improve advising on our campus.
 - g. Campus Conversation was received positively by most.
5. Discussion of agenda items for September 20th Faculty Organization Meeting
- a. Tech Tips will now happen only once or twice a semester.
6. New Business – There was no new business.
7. Old Business – There was no old business.

8. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meet adjourned at 2:04 pm.