Executive Council meeting – October 3, 2014, 8:30-10:10 am, third floor library conference room, IU South Bend.

In attendance: Nancy Colborn, Susan Cress, Steven Gerencser, Jerry Hinnefeld, April Lidinsky, Yuri Obata, Scott Opasik, Carolyn Schult, Henry Scott

Scott reported on his meeting with Academic Cabinet:

Gwen M. spoke about active learning. Deans agreed to compensate and support associate faculty engaging in high-impact practices workshops; Dean will tweet articles about active learning. Discussion of goals and benchmarks for efficiencies and faculty work load. Discussion of class sizes being moved from 23-25 students, making schedule more efficient.

Reassigned time: Discussion ongoing about different practices at the university. Jerry: It’s a good idea to get faculty members to figure out some of these guidelines. Course reassignments are crucial to administrative work. Steven: It’s a good idea to have faculty members cycling in and out of these administrative positions. Actually very cost-efficient to have faculty members do this work instead of a professional administrator.

Carolyn and Henry noted that many chairs want more analysis of the FTE numbers. Jerry: Maybe dept. chairs should do their own calculations to have data to bring to the table.

Scott reported on the UFC exec committee meeting by teleconference on Sept.

- Big topic was benefits. Proposed model: IU med school might better serve the whole university. Also talk about changing benefit package, separating staff and faculty; much opposition to that idea, which would reduce benefits to staff.

- Government and External Relations – a new committee, charge isn’t yet clear.

- Discussion of switching IPFW from being run by Purdue to IU: business community pushing for this. Question of whether their chancellor could continue. If it happened, would they become one of the core campuses?

- Discussion the UFC amendment. Open hearing at noon today on campus.

- Applegate talked about the Common Calendar Committee.
Discussion of degree-mapping: in process, hoping to roll out in spring. Steven: if mapping came from the state legislature; is anyone in discussing what this looks like in implementation? Jerry: the expectation is that we will implement this.

Discussion of open access; faculty scholarship would be made more open for people to use. Green: Submitting e-versions; Gold; through publishers with a flat fee. Question: should we press for faculty to do gold? Henry: cost likely to be high.

New business: meeting dates and times for spring semester – for exec committee. Second Fridays proposed. People will check schedules.

Need replacements for Susan Cress, on sabbatical in the Spring (need a special election since she’s elected), and Carolyn Schult. Announce it in October; election in November. Susan mentioned the frustration of not being allowed to video-conference into UFC meetings.

Discussion of developing a nominating committee earlier than is customary: Steven: Could be an advantage to have a nominating committee in place before January. Schult: maybe we should try it in November. General discussion: a good idea. Jerry: in November, develop a slate of three people to be nominated and open the floor for now. Scott: maybe wait to see if the Chancellor has business to discuss in December; if not, we may not have enough for an agenda.

Scott’s question: do we want to have quick meetings some other times/days during the month? Will send out a Doodle.

Nancy: What is going on with IU Eval? Jerry: there was a snafu in the Fall; a wakeup call about the sustainability with that version. H. Hakimzadeh put together a plan to work on developing an IU Eval .2 … He got a team in place, but did not get support. That work did not get done in the summer. Hossein also got information about national eval systems. The chancellor had suggested that perhaps we should use a nationally normed system with normed questions. Nancy: as a faculty, do we need to push for something to happen? This is an issue for PTR.

Other new business: Jerry: I serve on the academic personnel committee. Question: if we’re not going to fill all those positions; are we officially contracting or expanding? Scott: is the matrix on the IU Box folder for evaluating the requests? Steven: we need explanations of what are stop-gap measures or a new plan. Problem: it’s arbitrary who leaves for other positions …

Scott: Regarding resolution that was tabled for associate faculty: could we ask every semester for a report on associate faculty teaching loads/overloads above 50%. Discussion about data from past (last 5 years) rather than just projections in future to help us better understand the situation. Idea: gather more information, talk to faculty, give people a chance to discuss this before we bring it back to the Senate in November (rather than October). Scott will talk with Lee Kahan, the
department who initiated the resolution, about next steps to find out more information. Jerry: perhaps after a discussion with the dean, they can revise the wording and bring it back to the senate.

**Steven:** Sabbatical announcement – in relation to dean’s note to chairs that sabbatical applications are now competitive in relation to detailed research plans. Shouldn’t this happen in consultation with the faculty? If this is about the budget, that should be explained. If there is a rubric, they need to be transparent. Jerry: Academic Personnel Committee has been working on this, but decisions seem to be being made without consultation with the APC.

- Task force about online education: Discussion about whether an ad-hoc faculty committee is really the most effective way to move this discussion forward.

Facilities management question: Faculty have an interest in naming parking lots for safety.

**Agenda for October Academic Senate meeting - draft**

I. Call to order  
II. Approval of minutes of 19 September 2014 meeting  
III. Administrative and Officer Reports  
   A. Chancellor Allison  
   B. EVCAA Joseph  
      1. Linda Chen - Degree maps  
   D. Jim Hurst and Steve Leapman - Veterans’ Services  
   E. President  
   F. UFC  
IV. Committee Reports  
   A. Assessment  
V. Announcements  
VI. Adjournment  

10:10 am, adjournment.  
Respectfully submitted, April Lidinsky, October 4, 2014