Indiana University South Bend – Academic Senate
Meeting Agenda
November 21, 2008 - Northside 113 - 10:00 AM

Attending: Adaikkalavan, Agbetsiafa, Aghimien, Bender, Bennion, Black, Bushnell, Bushong, Candlar, Clark, Cook, Cordell, Darnel, Dobrzynkowski, Ducoffe, Elliott, Feighery, Gerencser, Grens, Guillaume, Heck, Henry, Hieronymus, Hinnefeld, Hurst, Isaacson, Klein, Kohli, Kwong, Levine, Lidinsky, Lynker Magnan-Park, Makielski, McIntosh, Mettetal, Meyer-Lee, Mooney, Moore, Nilsen, Ramis, Randall, Reck, Regan-Kubinski, Ritchie-Fair, Russo, Sabbaghi, Scalan, K. Smith, Sofhauser, Song, Spitzer, Stankrafuu, Tetzlaff, Torstrick, VanderVeen, Vollrath, Williams, Wolfram

1. Call to order – 10:03 AM
   At this time, quorum was not established. President Jerry Hinnefeld indicated the meeting could proceed with Administrative Reports.

2. Administrative and Officer Reports

   A. VCAA Guillaume – State of Academic Affairs

      Dr. Alfred Guillaume, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs presented his annual State of Academic Affairs Address to the Senate. A brief outline of the address follows. The text of the address is available on the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs web site.

      1. Student Success through Learning Communities
      2. Undergraduate Research
      3. Community Engagement
      4. Global Education
      5. Diversity

      Dr. Guillaume presented the Distinguished Teaching Award to Douglas Agbetsiafa. Agbetsiafa was given a plaque commemorating this award.

      Dr. Guillaume reminded the Senate of today Dean’s Seminar. Julie Elliott, Assistant Librarian, will present her research on reading promotion in academic libraries. The event is at Noon today in the UCET Peterson Classroom, NS245.

3. Official call to order – 10:30 AM
   Quorum established at approximately 10:15 AM

   Motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of modifying the agenda in order to move the item of new business, Election of the Nominating Committee, to follow immediately after the Administrative and Officer Reports.

   M/S – motion carried
4. Approval of Minutes of October 2008 meeting

Minutes were distributed by email early on Friday, November 21. President requested either a motion to approve or to defer approval of the October minutes to the next meeting of the Senate, January 16.

Motion to defer approval of the October meeting minutes to the next meeting of the Academic Senate on January 16.

M/S – motion carried

5. Continuation of the Administrative and Officer Reports

B. Chancellor Reck

Chancellor Reck acknowledged Vice Chancellor Guillaume for his remarks previous.

Weather closings
Closing the campus due to inclement weather is done in conjunction with Chief of IU South Bend Police Marty Gersey. Chief Gersey telephones Chancellor Reck when such a decision is needed; together, they determine whether or not to close the campus.

Once a decision is made, Vice Chancellors are contacted who then initiate a calling tree to contact staffs. The Office of Marketing and Public Relations contacts local media outlets. Beginning this winter, IU Notify will also be used to communicate campus closings to IU Notify subscribers via text messages, email, and voice mail messages.

Grant
$300K over 5 years from Lilly Foundation.

Environmental scanning
Joel Lapin’s campus visit recently was successful. Mr. Lapin has reported that our processes are on schedule. Campus Environmental Scanning teams are finalizing their reports. Community leaders are being identified for interviews.

Speakers on campus on ICHE report
Chris Murphy was on campus to speak on the subject of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education’s report, Reaching Higher: Strategic Initiatives for Higher Education in Indiana. Accompanying him was Stan Jones, the Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education. The Chancellor extended thanks to all who attended Mr. Murphy’s presentation.
**Update on the Administration Building Renovation**
The project is currently on schedule to open for move in sometime in December. An announcement will be made as to when various meeting rooms will be available for reservation.

**The Education and Arts Building**
State elections are over and IU South Bend continues communication to get funding released so the project can begin.

**Campus Holiday Party**
The Chancellor invites the campus community to her Annual Campus Holiday Party to be held on Friday, December 12, 2008, from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Grille.

There were no questions or comments

C. President of the Academic Senate

**Housing Community Center**
Members of the Executive Committee met with Vice Chancellor Bill O’Donnell and Director of Housing Paula Smith to discuss the issue of events being held in the River Crossing Campus Apartments Community Building. Some of the discussion focused on issues in the past which precipitated the meeting; much of the meeting was focused on the future.

Three points of emphasis from the meeting:

1. It is possible and desirable to have academic events in the Community Building. However, such events cannot exclude residents (i.e., club members only meetings). To arrange such events contact the Housing Office and Paula Smith. She and her staff will work cooperatively on the event to ensure a successful outcome.

2. Hinnefeld relayed and endorsed Paula Smith’s plea for patience on the part of the campus community as student housing works to determine the most efficient work flow for the many issues that come to them in any given day. Student housing is in its infancy and many, many issues are in the process of being worked out.

3. Student Housing Advisory Committee will review the draft policy on the use of the RCCA Community Building. While an initial draft exists, it has not been seen by SHAC. The Senate hopes for language that is more welcoming of academic events in the Community Building.
Executive Committee Requests of Senate Standing Committees

President Hinnefeld has sent requests from the Executive Committee to the Faculty Welfare Committee and the Budget Committee to answer two questions.

1. Have funds been moved out of academic base budgets since 2000?
2. How do faculty salaries at IU South Bend compare to other IU campuses?

Also, a request was sent to the Faculty Welfare Committee to consider the question of reducing fees for membership to the Fitness Center for faculty and how this might impact overall campus wellness.

OVPR A Faculty Advisory Committee

Peter Bushnell honored a last minute request to be the regional campus faculty representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee for Office of the Vice President for Research Administration.

Questions for the Senate President

A question was asked on use of River Crossing Campus Apartments Community Building for events open to the community beyond the campus as a way of fostering the community engagement suggested by VCAA Guillaume and whether the revised policy would reflect this openness.

Hinnefeld indicated that the discussion on the community building did not suggest a change to that wording.

D. UFC

No meeting of the UFC has occurred since the last Academic Senate Meeting. The next UFC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25.

6. Election of the Nominating Committee

The Executive Committee presented a slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee. That committee seeks nominees for the various Academic Senate elected positions for 2009-2010.

The slate consists of Michilene Neilson, Raclin School of the Arts; Hossein Hakimzadeh, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Susan Thomas, Schurz Library.

The President opened the floor for nominations.

A motion to cease the nominations with no additional nominees.
M/S – motion carried

A motion to suspend the rules and approve the slate by acclamation.
M/S – motion carried
7. Budget Committee report

Karen Clark and Grant Black, co-chairs of the Senate Budget Committee, and Bill O’Donnell, Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Fiscal Affairs presented a report by the Budget Committee with regards to the 2009-2010 Campus Budget. The presentation and accompanying documents are available on the Academic Senate website: http://www.iusb.edu/~sbas.

Grant Black presented information regarding campus Indiana University Foundation accounts. That presentation is a part of the budget presentation available on the Academic Senate website.

8. Announcements

Jay VanderVeen announced initiatives by the Undergraduate Research Council to establish an undergraduate research symposium for April 2010. He urged faculty to encourage student involvement by incorporating systematic research into their upcoming courses and encouraging student to participate in the symposium.

Elizabeth Bennion expressed her thanks to faculty, staff, and students who participated in this fall’s American Democracy Projects including debate watch parties, discussions, and voter registration drives.

Susan Miller announced that intermediate photography course participants have an exhibit on the 5th floor of Schurz Library. Students in the New Media and Design have final projects on display in the Education and Arts Building.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn.
M/S – carried 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Spitzer
Secretary, Academic Senate