Indiana University South Bend
Academic Senate Minutes –
March 28, 2014
Wiekamp Hall #1001
1:30 p.m.

In Attendance:
Raman Adaikkalavan, Peter Aghimien, Gretchen Anderson, Benjamin Balthaser, Oscar Barrau, Elizabeth Bennion, Vicki Bloom, David Blouin, Nancy Botkin, James Bowyer, James (Randy) Colborn, Nancy Colborn, Louise Collins, Susan Cress, Marvin Curtis, Robert Ducoffe, Elizabeth Dunn, Julie Feighery-Elliott, Bridget Fong-Morgan, Steven Gerencser, Christina Gerken, Hossein Hakimzadeh, Patricia Henry, Julio Hernando, Jerry Hinnefeld, Heather Jones, Neovi Karakatsanis, Mike Keen, Beth Kern, Erin Kreatovich, Vincci Kwong, Larry Lambert, April Lidinsky, Anne Magnan-Park, Jake Mattox, John McIntosh, Robert Meyer-Lee, Susan Moore, Micheline Nilsen, Mario Ortiz, Elaine Roth, Andrea Rusnock, PN Saksena, Leon Schjoedt, Zachary Schrank, Mark Schroeder, Carolyn Schult, Henry Scott, Dmitry Shlapentokh, James Smith, Cynthia Sofhauser, Bruce Spitzer, Alison Stankrauff, Kyoko Takanashi, Monica Tetzlaff, Susan Thomas, Ganesh Vaidyanathan, Jay VanderVeen, Lesley Walker, Joshua Wells, Barbara White, Jeffrey Wright, Lyle Zynda.

1. Call to Order
   - Motion to suspend Agenda Item #4A: “General Education Committee (Campus Theme)”.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 28 meeting (including Athletics Committee action)

3. Administrative and Officer Reports

   A. Chancellor Terry Allison

   There is a new Executive Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs appointment. This could not have happened without the EVCAAA Search and Screen Committee: Many thanks to them.

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The First Year Experience – the new program for first year students to be rolled out in the Fall semester – is shaping up currently. One piece that the “FYE” is being imagined now is in part looking for better ways to support transfer students. The Chancellor is working with Ivy Tech Community College to make this happen for our students effectively.

Budgets are in – the Budget Committee is able to follow nearly all recommendations put forward by the divisions in last month’s campus budget hearings.

Salary increases: The Chancellor is still waiting to hear further on this – as they are a part of a proposal that the Board of Trustees has to approve.

The campus’ Child Development Center: Next year the Student Government Association will contribute no funds to the operations (as they previously have), and funding for the CDC in general is down. The Chancellor maintains that the only route is to outsource the administration, staffing, maintenance of the CDC to a private company. With this in mind: By April 15th bidders will be visiting our campus and the CDC. By May 1st proposals are due.

The Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi Performance Hall is now completed. To celebrate the School of the Arts just recently gave a concert for the workers and their families.

IU South Bend is celebrating in the community-wide Cesar Chavez Day of Service.

Question by Senate member:
The Child Development Center is key to student retention and success. With this in mind, can we possibly slow the bidding-out process down?
Answer by Chancellor:
The worry with slowing things down would be affecting students in the Summer – and possibly the Fall – semesters.

Question by Senate member:
It’s probably time for us as a campus – and a decision-making body – to review how Student Government Association fees are distributed – and thus how students’ voices are heard – especially nontraditional students.
Answer by Chancellor:
The Chancellor does feel that the Student Government Association is representative of the larger student body. And he’s talked with them about this specific issue.

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Question by Senate member:
How likely is it that the Child Development Center “switch-over” (i.e. outsourcing) occur in the Fall?
Answer by Chancellor:
He’s confident that a quality vendor will be selected.

Question by Senate member:
Will the current Child Development Center workers keep their jobs if the CDC is outsourced?
Answer by Chancellor:
No – if it’s outsourced, they’ll no longer be IU employees.

Question by Senate member:
With our reduced budget, will there be potential reduction in positions across campuses?
Answer by Chancellor:
At this time he does not have a clear idea. But empty positions will not be filled – and that is clear.

B. Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs John McIntosh

The campus just celebrated the Schurz Library’s twenty fifth anniversary. It was a great opportunity for campus and community members to connect on this vital resource for our students, faculty, staff, and community.

Appointments in review:
- There are approximately seventy Category Four Appointments.
- There are twenty two Category Three Appointments.
They are going to the Chancellor for review.

The Bulletin is online – live and final – now. That being said: Some changes may be made either Monday or Tuesday. The very last changes will be made to the Bulletin in April. These very final changes will be mostly faculty and administrations.

It ought to be noted that degree plans are not the same as students’ “Preliminary Plans”.

Question by Senate member:
Promotion and tenure decisions are made when? And – add to that question – when
are sabbatical decisions made?
Answer:
Promotion and tenure decisions are made Monday. They’ll be publicized. Sabbatical decisions will be made next week.

Question by Senate member:
When do awards go out?
Answer:
Soon.

C. Academic Senate President Jerry Hinnefeld

The Academic Senate election for the 2014-2015 academic year is coming up. There was a discussion of the process and just how Senate members ought to expect to participate. Next week Jerry will be looking over Senate committee positions, and which committees need appointed persons.

A Common Calendar for all IU campuses: The news on this is that we as a campus will have agency as a campus to shape our own calendar with particularities we want.

University Faculty Council: No report.

Campus Directions Committee Presentation (given by Lyle Zynda):
There were a lot of comments – and the Committee thanks the campus community. The Committee reviewed all of the feedback, and has compiled it. It has become the Strategic Plan 2014 to 2020.

There will be minor changes next week to this Plan, but what is posted is final. Ideally the Committee would like to have approval of it by the faculty.

4. Committee Reports

A. General Education Committee (Campus Theme – given by Julie Elliott-Feighery and Randy Colborn).
There are final events for the semester – please look for announcements of when and where these are to be.
There will be Shakespeare sonnets read on April 24th – and they’re still needing readers. Readers can be faculty, students, staff. They will be read outside the Library.

There will be workshops given by a working actor who is an IU South Bend graduate.

C. Academic Affairs Committee
Given by Registrar Jeff Johnston.

Question by Senate member:
How to get an e-drop signature from another IU campus for withdrawals?
Answer:
There will be enhancements to the Calendars – they’re working on it.

Comment by Senate President:
All indications are that the two options mentioned will be presented for campus comment soon, and the Executive Committee will be reviewing it.

Question by Senate member:
Will students be able to review and comment on this?
Answer by Senate President:
This will be presented to the Student Government Association.

Comment by Senate member:
Perhaps we can consider an earlier Fall Break than the week of Thanksgiving, like in October – when we find that students are exhausted.

Comment by Senate member:
An October break is a good idea, and it can be built in as an academic break and advising.

Question by Senate member:
In thinking about delivering curriculum, what is the impact of a break on multiple sections of introductory classes (or any other class that has an additional, non-lab-based component).
Answer:
This will be considered in terms of hours – not classes.
5. **Announcements**

There will be an upcoming UCET talk on the W131 class.

There will be a preview of the campus’ production of Kiss Me Kate by the Women’s and Gender Studies program exploring the gender implications of this work.

The SEED grants for technology for classes are due this coming Monday.

The BFA exhibit is soon – please tune in for it and attend.

Graduate Literature students will have a fundraiser tomorrow downtown at the Chicory Café.

The Growing Summit is this weekend. It’s sponsored by the Center for a Sustainable Future.

The Asian Heritage Fair is coming up – and that will be followed by the International Food Festival.