

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 5
Room: UC206
Date: October 21, 2005

Members Present: B. Boostrom, P. Cashel-Cordo, M. Dixon, P. Doss, R. Hoebeke, B. Hooper, L. Howard, M. Krahling, L. Nunn, I. Phillips, M. Shaw, B. Wilding, L. Bennett, ex-officio

Members Absent:

Guests:

1. Call to order 7:37 a.m.

2. Announcements from the Chair:

- Standing committees have received their updated charges
- The Curriculum committee will review the recommendations from the Faculty Affairs committee regarding distance education courses from other institutions which are not reflected on the transfer grid

3. Report from the Provost and V.P. of Academic Affairs, Dr. Linda Bennett

- The general education articulation with the “International Baccalaureate Program” is available

Student Evaluation of Teaching

- There needs to be separate instruments for formative and summative evaluation
- Dr. Bennett plans to explore tailoring USI’s needs with vendors
- She also will ask the deans and chairs for input
- The goal is to have samples of one or two suitable instruments for the spring faculty meeting

Hiring update

- Director of Institution Research search on-going
- Dean searches on-going
- Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs search on-going

USI Mental and Physical Health Emergency Policy

- Revision of the draft is in progress
- Many of the senate concerns echoed deans’ and chairs’ concerns
- Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the all-encompassing nature of the policy which concluded with a suggestion of separate policies

4. Minutes

- September 16th minutes were approved pending corrections (Dixon/Doss)
- October 7th minutes were approved pending corrections (Krahling/Nunn)

5. Old Business

- The Student Affairs committee received the charge to examine implementation of minus grades

6. New Business

Spring Meeting

- January 3, 2006
- Agenda (tentative)
 - Announcement
 - Introductions
 - Sneak peak of Banner
 - Brief SET update
 - Breakout sessions dealing with other methods of documenting teaching effectiveness
- Breakout sessions could include
 - How to write a teaching philosophy
 - Peer evaluations
 - Constructing teaching portfolios
- Email Peter Cashel-Cordo with breakout suggestions and potential presenters

Senate Charges

- Motion to implement minus grades was passed (Howard/Krahling)
- Student Affairs Committee charged with exploring implementation
- The discussion of listing directors/chairs, technicians or other university staff, who are not instructor of record on Black Board courses was moved to the next meeting

Health Insurance for field trips

- The university has purchased limited number of days of health insurance for students on approved field trips
- The number of days is being investigated
- Dr. Bennett will ask Chairs and Deans the number of field trip days used each year
- The suggestion was made to also check with the travel office for those numbers

Faculty Affairs Committee

- New charge for the committee to examine the process of forming a dean search committee (Shaw/Nunn)

7. The meeting adjourned

- Next meeting Friday November 4th at 7:30 a.m. in UC 206

Respectfully submitted by Iris Phillips, Senate Secretary