

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 3
Room: UC 206
Date: September 16, 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: M. Opatrny

1. Call to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. Announcements from the Chair:

- Board of Trustee met September 8th and discussed long range planning
- Next long-range planning meeting on October 5th
- Ram in the Thicket September 23 please promote and attend
- Founders Day celebration on September 15th honored six 25-year employees.

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

Banner

- The unfolding of Banner is an excellent opportunity to review academic policy
- If faculty access is thru “My USI” rather than “BANNER” screens the amount of training required decreases
- In using this system, the primary responsibility of faculty is advising, while registration is the student’s responsibility
- Banner provide the flexibility to both advise and/or register

College of Nursing and Health Professions

- Issues raised in the past meeting regarding access to distance education courses is not a new practice within the college
- Peter Cashel-Cordo stated these issues were being presented as a potential standing committee charge in “new business” and would be addressed at that time

4. Minutes

- Retreat minutes of August 19th were approved pending corrections
- Minutes from the September 2nd meeting will be discussed at the next meeting on October 7th

5. Old Business

- Senate committees are charged with editing the faculty handbook to approved committee recommendations when specific language is recommended
- Committee recommendations without specific language for faculty handbook changes will be sent back to the committee to draft that language
- Meetings have been scheduled with standing committees to present charges

6. New Business

- Dr. Bennett requested that faculty review the USI Mental and Physical Health Emergency Policy draft and provide feedback
- The process to move a charge forward to committees will be through motions, second, and vote (Nunn/ Krahling)

Charges moved forward

- Investigate parking pros and cons of designated faculty parking areas (Nunn/Phillips)
- Review parental leave policies for full and part-time faculty, investigate peer institution policies, and make recommendations for revision to USI policies (Howard/Boostrom)
- Investigate the processes for assigning service duties to faculty and faculty members representation in those decisions (Howard/Krahling)
- Develop a specific plan to address USI faculty salary inequity issues (Howard/Boostrom)
- To investigate academic dishonesty on campus (Howard/Doss)
- Examine the process of distance education courses from other institutions which do not exist on the transfer grid (Doss/Krahling)
- Investigate integrated faculty activity (Doss/Howard)
- Investigate long term care policies, cancer/catastrophic insurance, and partner benefits (Phillips/Krahling)

Issues not moved forward as charges

- Investigate coordinating USI calendar with EVSC (Nunn/Krahling)
- Concerns about faculty difficulties with textbooks being available to students when the semester begins – Dr. Bennett will investigate
- Draft USI policy for emergency medical evacuation in an off-campus field location – Paul Doss and Dr. Bennett
- Concerns regarding the amount of taxes withheld with summer pay – Dr. Bennett will investigate

7. The meeting adjourned 8:55 (Nunn/Howard)

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Respectfully submitted by Iris Phillips, Senate Secretary