

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session: 11  
Room: UC 214  
Date: April 7, 2006

**Members Present:** B. Boostrom, P. Cashel-Cordo, M. Dixon, P. Doss, R. Hoebeke, B. Hooper, J. Kempf (for L. Howard), M. Krahling, I. Phillips, M. Shaw, J. Thomas, B. Wilding, L. Bennett, ex-officio

**Members Absent:** L. Nunn

**Guests:** P. Harrel

**1. Call to order at 7:35 A.M.**

**2. Announcements from the Chair:**

A) SET

1. Recommendation made to the Provost to accept Scantron™ as the student evaluation system
2. The ad hoc SET committee is developing an expert panel to review potential summative items

B) UCC Director Search

1. The Provost convened review committee of faculty

C) SGA Elections

1. Thank you to poll sitters for the SGA election
2. There is a question whether faculty need to continue to act as poll sitters since the elections are held online with access through students MYUSI accounts.
3. Dr. Cashel-Cordo will bring this need to review poll sitters' role to the SGA member's attention

D) Standing committee Report Request

1. Reports from committees unavailable at this time
2. Dr. Cashel-Cordo has requested that reports be available no later than April 14<sup>th</sup>

**3. Announcements from Provost Linda Bennett:**

A) SET

1. Provost Bennett reported that her office has entered into contract negotiations with Scantron™
  - A package offer has been made if USI acts as a reference site
  - Estimate the initial cost to be \$36,000 - \$37,000
  - Annual renewal cost would be \$4,000 – 6, 000
  - Plan to roll out system in the fall of 2006 with summative items

- B) Anti-plagiarism software discussions still in process
  - 1. The library staff will provide faculty training in the software
  - 2. During the move is not the best time to begin using the software
- C) Grading Scale
  - 1. Discussing program requirements with Deans and Chairs
  - 2. Institutional Research is gathering information regarding other institutions' grading scales
- D) Budget
  - 1. Colleges will tentatively receive a 3% increase to merit pool
  - 2. Provost Bennett's office will receive .5% to address compression and outstanding merit

**4. Minutes**

The minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved. (Boostrom/Hooper – Abstention Doss)

**5. Old Business**

- A) A motion was made to accept changes in undergraduate curriculum (Boostrom/Hooper)

**6. New Business**

- A) Peggy Harrel Grant Policy
  - 1. The University has not had a policy regarding F&A costs for external funded projects
  - 2. Monies recovered from F&A went back into the general fund
  - 3. Without policy inequities exist in distribution of recovered F&A to faculty (PI) and colleges.
  - 4. Distributions and comparable institutions' grant policy attached
  - 5. The Faculty Senate endorses the proposed grant policy (Doss/Hoebeke)
  - 6. Questions within the discussion included intuitional policy regarding forming "institutes"
  - 7. There currently are no policies which specifically address that issues
  - 8. Faculty senate members expressed interest in discussing policy issues regarding "institutes" in the fall
- B) Spring Meeting – April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in Mitchell Auditorium
- C) Faculty Senate elections will be online this year
- D) The Faculty workload survey sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee
- E) An ad hoc committee will identify Peer Institutions for consistency in the definition of compensation

**8. The meeting adjourned 8:45 a.m. Next meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. UC206**

*Respectfully submitted by Iris Phillips, Senate Secretary*