

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session: 6  
Room: UC 206  
Date: December 15, 2006

**Members Present:** C. Baker (Chair), P. Cashel-Cordo, M. Dixon, P. Doss, M. Hamington, R. Hoebeke, B. Hooper, J. Kempf, B. Long, M. Opatrny (for B. Boostrom), M. Shaw.

**Members Absent:** B. Wilding, L. Bennett, ex-officio

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

**2. Announcements from the Chair:**

- A) Spring faculty meeting workshops were discussed. The technology workshops are full.
- B) C. Baker proposes a “breakfast with the President” in spring on behalf of faculty to give faculty an opportunity to ask questions of President Hoops and the Vice Presidents. This would be open to all faculty. Discussion ensued re: the process of carrying out this idea, and would it be more feasible to meet with the faculty by Colleges rather than one large event. C. Baker stated she will speak with President Hoops about this idea and give feedback to the Senate.
- C) Faculty Senate members were reminded to identify the charges they want to work on and inform C. Baker of their intentions.
- D) P. Cashel-Cordo discussed the USI budget announcement re: compensation request of 3% increase for each year of the biennium. What actions will the University take on compensation to address our voiced concerns? Dr. Bennett will give a reply to our concerns in January. One plan to formally communicate this to faculty is to download the operating budget and make it available to faculty on the Senate website as a reference document, and announce that the compensation issue will be on the January 2007 Faculty Senate meeting agenda.
- E) Two previously proposed spring faculty workshop topics on the SET and Assessment in courses will be considered for next January. The pilot data that were collected on the first run of these student evaluation surveys were not available at the time of the January 2007 spring faculty workshop.

**3. Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs:**

- December Commencement: 241 graduates and 90 faculty participated. There was an overall strongly positive response from graduates, family, and faculty. We’re working to improve the ceremony, so if you have some ideas, forward them to me.
- The Spring University meeting announcement has been distributed, with workshops noted. Please urge colleagues to sign in to workshops because there are some space limitations for the technology-related workshops.

- ADA Coordinator search will continue into next semester. The Search Committee continues to collect applications and will have on-campus interviews early during spring semester. Dates and times will be announced once those arrangements are made.
- Next semester I will give a report on the work of the Task Force on Enrollment and Retention Management. The Task Force has spent this semester clarifying its focus on specific initiatives and developing action items for follow-through. Because of difficulties with Banner, the final report will not be completed until later in spring semester.

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of the November 17, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed and approved (M. Hamington /P. Doss) with corrections. Motion carried unanimously with one abstention due to absence (M. Opatrny).

#### **5. Old Business: Final New Charges for 2006-2007 Academic Year**

- A) P. Doss put forth the following charge: “that the Faculty Senate develop an ad-hoc committee to investigate how best to move forward and make recommendations re: issues of campus operations and environmental stewardship and sustainability” (P. Doss / P. Cashel-Cordo). Motion was unanimously accepted. P. Doss was appointed to chair this committee. Those who wish to be members of this committee will inform P. Doss of their intentions.

#### **6. New Business:**

##### **A) Audio & Video recording in the classroom**

M. Hamington discussed the issue of students who want to record faculty in the classroom. Instructors can put into their course syllabi if they do not wish to be recorded.

##### **B) Spring Faculty Senate Meetings**

Spring Faculty Senate meetings will be held the third Friday of the month at **3:00 PM**. There will be two monthly meetings in March and April. The dates are as follows:

- January 19<sup>th</sup>
- February 16<sup>th</sup>
- March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>
- April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>
- May 4<sup>th</sup>

**The meeting adjourned 8:59 AM. The next meeting will be on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. in UC 206.**

*Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hoebeke, Senate Secretary*