

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session: 6  
Room: ED 0138  
Date: December 7, 2007

**Members Present:** C. Baker (Chair), Cagle, Lesa F.; Chen, Manfen W.; Goebel, Vella L.; Hoebeke, Roberta E.; Hooper, Robert W.; Kempf de Jong, Joan A.; Shaw, Marlene V.; Shields, Peggy S.; Tew, Chad; Wilding, Bill G., L. Bennett, ex-officio.

**1. Call to order at 3:00 P.M.**

**2. Announcements:** None.

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

- The University Assessment report is being presented to the Commission.
- Graduation: 278 graduates will participate in Winter Commencement on Saturday December 8, 2007.
- Spring Meeting, January 7, 2008: the workshop schedule and online registration will be available by Monday December 10, 2007. The meeting begins at 8:00 AM. Dr. Lorilee Sandmann will present on Documenting Engagement and Scholarship for Promotion and Tenure during two sessions: one session for deans and department chairs (the assessment aspects), and one afternoon session for faculty (documentation aspects).
- Course Evaluations: there were a few problems with online course evaluations this semester. Some classes did not receive the invitation; some students were unable to open the link to the evaluation; for some the password did not work unless it was cut and pasted; there are some compatibility issues with Word 2007.
- Orientation for new and transfer students is January 10, 2008.
- Retention Report: The President's Task Force on Enrollment and Retention final report is completed and will be available online. Dr. Bennett invited Senators to participate in the next stage of implementation and give feedback.
- Permanent funding is now available for the Living/Learning Communities.
- Compilation of a University Factbook by Dr. Katherine Draughon is in process.
- Outside Speaker's Policy: item six of the speaker's policy ("that violation of the stated policy and procedure subjects the sponsoring group and its members to sanctions as outlined in University policies") has been removed from the Faculty Handbook.
- Update on search for Director of Security: candidates have been interviewed for the position and an offer has been made.
- Recruitment for a new Dean of the College of Education and Human Services: this process is ongoing and a meeting with faculty will be held on December 10, 2007 regarding this.

**4. Minutes:** The minutes of the October 12, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were accepted

with edits unanimously (B. Hooper/V. Goebel). The November 9, 2007 meeting minutes were accepted with one edit (insert the word “physical” before plant in line 3 section 2.A) unanimously (M. Shaw/L. Cagle).

**5. Old Business:**

**A) Final Review of Charges to All Senate Committees**

Any charges put forth and withdrawn for further clarification by the College of Liberal Arts have been satisfied per Chad Tew and his colleagues. We have completed all business related to the outside speaker policy.

**B) Faculty Senate Charges**

There are no new charges. Senators are invited to present new charges in January.

**C) Faculty Senate Budget Request**

We had previously requested money and space in the old Rice Library for a testing center. Architects will meet on campus the third week of December. The University Center and old Rice Library renovations have approximately \$17 million allocated and will be completed in phases. Graduate Studies will be housed in the Orr Center. The Center for Faculty Development and Extended Services will be in the old Rice Library. Student organization space will be available on the first floor of the library. There are future plans for a theater on campus. Decision: Senators were invited to solicit input and ideas for recommendations from faculty for the faculty senate budget. During the January faculty senate meeting we will decide on the budget, with budget hearings following in late January or early February. Economic benefits will also be discussed at the January meeting. In addition, C. Baker will send out electronically the report from M. Krahling (re: suggested changes for curriculum) for review for January.

**6. New Business:**

**A) Faculty Senate Meetings for Spring 2008**

Faculty Senate meetings will be held on Friday afternoons at 3:00 PM in EDU 0138 (unless otherwise stated) on the following dates:

- January 18, 2008
- February 15, 2008
- February 29, 2008
- March 28, 2008
- April 18, 2008
- Spring All-faculty Meeting Monday April 21, 2008 in Mitchell Auditorium in the HP building
- April 25, 2008
- May is open until faculty know their final exam schedules

**B) Faculty Senate Agenda Items for Spring 2008**

C. Baker proposed to send a charge to Faculty Affairs that a chair shall be elected at the last meeting of the spring semester for the coming year. She will also send a reminder to the colleges on February 1<sup>st</sup> re: elections are to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. This will facilitate the election of committee chairs at the last committee meeting of the spring semester.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM. The next meeting will be on January 18th at 3:00 P.M. in ED 0138.**

*Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hoebeke, Senate Secretary*