

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 13
Room: EDUC 0138
Date: May 7, 2008

Members Present: C. Baker (Chair), Lesa Cagle; Felton, M.; Goebel, Vella L.; Hoebeke, Roberta E.; Hooper, Robert; Kempf de Jong, Joan A.; B. Long; Shaw, Marlene V.; Shields, Peggy S.; C. Tew; B. Wilding; L. Bennett, ex-officio.

1. Call to order at 9:05 A.M.

2. Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs –Dr. Bennett gave the following report:

- A. Commencement – Over 1200 students have registered to walk this Sunday May 11th at spring graduation.
- B. This December there will be two winter commencement ceremonies at the PAC: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Graduates from the colleges of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Services, and Extended Services will be clustered together for one of the ceremonies, while graduates from the colleges of Science and Engineering, Nursing and Health Professions, and Business will comprise a second ceremony. The order (AM or PM) has not yet been determined.
- C. Encourage students to apply for nationally competitive scholarships and be a faculty mentor for prospective scholars who seek recognition as outstanding students. Please see the Academic Affairs website at <http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/scholarships/index.asp> for more details.
- D. Please consider nominating faculty for awards. The Academic Affairs webpage has guidelines and one-page application forms to facilitate this process. Please visit the website at <http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp> for more details on awards that are available for faculty.
- E. Dr. Karyn Sproles is planning a resource fair for all faculty to attend during the 2008 fall faculty meeting.

3. Announcements – C. Christy Baker, Faculty Senate Chair

- A. Approval of authorizing the resolution concerning same-sex domestic partner benefits will be voted upon at the May 10, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting.
- B. The Presidential Search and Screen Committee appointments were distributed (Please see attached Exhibit I-A Board of Trustees 05-10-08).
- C. The 2008-2009 Senate Committees spreadsheet is completed. Committee members and their alternates are listed for each college. The names of committee chairs are highlighted in blue. The chart that denotes the composition of next year's Faculty Senate will be revised by C. Christy Baker to correctly include the newly elected and the returning members to the Senate. Please note that one individual needs to be elected for the EEO Appeal & Hearing Committee and one person is needed for the Student Publications Committee. The Senate will bring forward the names of

nominees for those two committees for a vote at the fall Faculty Senate retreat meeting.

4. Old Business – Minutes

- a. The minutes of the March 28, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting were approved with corrections (C. Tew/V. Goebel). **Vote:** All in favor, one abstention (B. Wilding, who was not in attendance at that meeting).
- b. The minutes of the April 18, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting were approved with corrections (C. Tew/B. Hooper). **Vote:** Unanimously all in favor.
- c. The minutes of the April 21, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting were accepted as submitted (C. Tew/B. Wilding). **Vote:** Unanimously all in favor.

5. New Business:

- A. FASTRAC Committee Report** – Motion to accept the report (V. Goebel/L. Cagle). **Vote:** Unanimously all in favor to accept the report as submitted.
- B. Curriculum Committee Report** – Motion to accept the report with review for corrections on page 3 (L. Cagle/P. Shields). **Vote:** Unanimously all in favor to accept the report, which will be resubmitted with the corrections.
Motion to make the recommendation presented by C. Christy Baker that the Curriculum Committee Chair be given one 3-hour course credit release time or overload for serving as the chair (M. Shaw/L. Cagle). **Vote:** Unanimously in favor. The recommendation goes to the Provost's office for action.
- C. Faculty Affairs Committee Report** – The report and charges were discussed at length. Motion to accept the report (C. Tew/L. Cagle). **Vote:** Unanimously all in favor to accept the report as submitted.
- D. Assessment Committee Report** – A discussion ensued about the report. Motion to return the report as incomplete (B. Hooper/V. Goebel) was retracted. Motion to accept the report as submitted (B. Hooper/V. Goebel) was made instead. **Vote:** All not in favor. The report is not accepted as presented. Dr. Linda Bennett or a representative from her office requests to be an ex-officio member of the Assessment Committee next year.
- E. 2008-2009 University Committee Appointments** – As noted above in 3C. Please solicit nominees for the EEOC and Student Publications committees.
- F. Election of Faculty Senate Chair 2008-2009** – The floor opened for nominations. Peter Cashel-Cordo was nominated (M. Shaw/C. Tew). Lesa Cagle was nominated (P. Shields/B. Long). No further nominations were offered. **Vote:** Senators cast their vote by paper ballot for the nominee of their choice. Ballots were counted by the Senate Secretary Roberta Hoebeke and the Vice Chair Bill Wilding. Results of the vote: Lesa Cagle 7 votes; Peter Cashel-Cordo 5 votes. Lesa Cagle will be the new Faculty Senate Chair for the 2008-2009 academic year.
- G. Other** – C. Christy Baker continues to work with the computer and technical services personnel to get a listserv up and running this summer, and will put the new charges onto it for a vote at the fall Faculty Senate retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M. The next meeting will be the fall Faculty Senate retreat, date and time to be announced.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hoebeke, Senate Secretary