

April 3, 2009

Meeting began 3: 00 pm

Attendance: Peter Cashel-Cordo, Marlene Shaw, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny , Kent Scheller, Sudesh Mujumdar, Dr. Linda Bennett (University Provost), Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair), Vella Goebel, Peggy Shields, Mellisa Hall (Recording Secretary), Wendy Holt, USI News.

Minutes March 27, 2009: Minutes accepted. K. Scheller, motion. S. Mujumdar seconded.

Old Business:

Announcements: none

Provost Report: None provided today.

Faculty Grievance Committee: Did not meet.

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Banner vs. USI Policy	<p>Banner software program and curriculum: consider gathering information regarding Banner limitations. Charge to Curriculum Committee: Monitor and record problems and limitations that restrict curriculum because of Banner software (2009-2010). Report back to Faculty Senate. Motion: K. Scheller Second: V. Goebel.</p> <p>Banner Workgroup with Faculty Senate to look at software's impact on development of academic policy this spring or summer. Workgroup: K. Scheller, P. Cashel-Cordo, Registrar's office representative, Marlene Shaw, S. Mujumdar, Jane Davis-Brezette, Linda Tribble. Chair for subcommittee: not decided.</p>	<p>Motion passed to send charge to Curriculum Committee.</p> <p>Faculty Senate agreed to start workgroup.</p>

Faculty Representation	C. Tew to develop a new charge regarding faculty representation. Charge will go to FA for 2009-2010 academic year.	Charge Pending
Faculty Affairs	Motion to accept resolution from Faculty Affairs Committee on Resolution to Faculty Handbook – C. Tew, Seconded P. Shields.	Motion passed.
Smoke-Free Campus	Need clarification from Staff Council on what they want us to endorse. Would enforcement of current policy be effective enough?	L. Cagle to contact Staff Council to clarify.
How to Keep All Faculty Aware of Faculty Senate Activities	Suggestions: -Fall/Spring faculty meeting -Faculty-wide email (brief and limited) -USI Today email blog for faculty -Email to all faculty for agenda items for Faculty Senate meetings -Action items “Hot Topics” of Faculty Senate into emails	Pending
Schedule of Committee Reports scheduled for next meeting	Assessment Committee Faculty Affairs Student Affairs Curriculum Committee Economic Benefits Reports to be forwarded to senators prior to next scheduled meeting (April 14, 2009).	Pending
Webinars	Consider follow-up for previous two Webinars on: 1. Honor Code 2. Assessment	May agenda item.
Faculty Retirement Options	Suggestions to have TIAA- Creff Representative for a faculty presentation – general information session suggested.	Provost to bring back information concerning information session.

Meeting adjourned: 4:20 p.m. Motion: S. Mujumdar Seconded: R. Hooper