

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
January 23, 2009
Approved

Attendance: Lesa Cagle, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Marlene Shaw, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny, Sudesh Mujumdar, Peggy Shields, Robert Hooper, Vella Goebel.

Call to order: 3:00 p

Minutes: 1/23/09 Minutes were approved as amended.
V. Goebel moved to accept the minutes as corrected.
M. Opatrny seconded.

Provost's report: Read by L. Cagle

1. Changes to tenure-track contracts from annual to multi-year contracts have now been included in the Faculty Handbook. Revisions to contract letters to reflect the changes are in draft form and should be ready by the end of this month. Any new faculty member who has already been hired to begin in fall 2009 will receive a revised contract letter noting a two-year beginning contract instead of a one-year contract.

2. Changes to the University Bulletin to raise the standard of academic progress for the first 31 hours from 1.6 to 1.7 were forwarded to the Registrar, who included them in the series of changes coming from that office. The new standard of 1.7 will be in effect for the 2009-2011 University Bulletin.

Reports:

Kevin Valadares presented the interim report from the *Economic Benefits Committee*, sharing salary comparisons with peer institutions.

Senate received the report.

Claudine Fairchild sent the interim report from *Student Affairs*. The primary charge discussed was student medical withdrawals.

M. Shaw moved to receive the report.

P. Shields seconded.

Report was received.

P. Shields moved that Senate itself continue to pursue the Student Medical Withdrawals charge because of the cross-campus implications.

R. Hooper seconded.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

P. Cashel-Cordo reported librarians' concern for implications of participation in Senate. Further action postponed until next meeting. L. Cagle to re-send P. Cashel-Cordo email summarizing his meeting with the library faculty.

Announcements:

- Budget hearing February 9, 2009 UC 9:05 AM.
- January 30, 3:00 PM, meet to debrief about presidential candidates.
- Tom Bordelon chosen as the USI representative to the Indiana Commission on Higher Education's nominating committee
- Next meeting February 13, 2009

R. Hooper moved to adjourn.

P. Shields seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm