

Faculty Senate Meeting Date: February 12, 2010 Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair). Brian Posler (Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies), Kent Scheller, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny, Todd Schroer, Adrian Gentle, Joy Peluchette, Manfen Chen (alternate), Vella Goebel, Sandy Farmer (guest)

Minutes approved as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Faculty Senate budget presentation went well. L. Cagle sent notices to Faculty Senate committees regarding their final report and report presentation to the Faculty Senate.

ASSISTANT PROVOST’S REPORT:

- 1) Changes to Pell Grant program ---year round Pell Grants for Pell eligible students approved by federal government (almost 4,000 of USI students are Pell eligible). This money is available to eligible students for summer 2010.
- 2) Enrollment update: record Fall-Spring 2010 retention; overall Spring enrollment is up 4.5% over last Spring
- 3) Medical withdrawal form is ready for use.
- 4) Alternative summer schedule has been approved and will be implemented starting summer 2011.
- 5) Budget hearings are continuing.

Topic	Discussion	Decision
OLD BUSINESS:		
UCC Waiver on transcript		Not Discussed
Fall Break Schedule	Faculty voiced suggestions and concerns regarding proposed Fall Break (disruptive to learning process; burden on students; some want longer break between semesters rather than fall break; concern would not synchronize w/EVSC; concern that lab time will be reduced w/MTWT sequential days; concern Fall semester already has 3 fewer instruction days than Spring; suggestion that College meetings/University meetings be on Friday prior to start of fall semester.	Faculty Senate requests more information from SGA regarding interest in this issue
Transfer Credit proposed policy change	Proposed policy: Course credits earned from regionally accredited colleges and universities will be accepted as transfer credit subject to the following	Motion passed. Unanimously

	<p>guideline:</p> <p>Orientation courses will not be accepted as transfer credit.</p> <p>Students would still have to meet CORE and major requirements</p>	
Faculty Senate job descriptions- duties and responsibilities:		Not discussed
Graduating with honors	<p>Sandy Farmer explained process to calculate overall GPA with transfer credits. Currently all transfer work is included in student's GPA if the student has a 3.6.</p> <p>B. Posler indicated that current policy is that students who have started at USI can repeat classes and eliminate lower grade. In addition, a student currently needs 3.6 in USI work in order to be considered in graduation with honors.</p> <p>S. Farmer indicated that USI students who have taken all coursework at USI would be penalized for doing poorly early in academic career as opposed to transfer student if transfer grades are not considered.</p> <p>A Gentle suggested that Banner and DARs report should present the same information for the honors calculation.</p> <p>C. Tew motioned: A student who is to receive a baccalaureate degree and meets each of the following requirements is eligible for graduation honors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a minimum of 60 credit hours at the University in which letter grades of computable point value were received. 	Motion passed : 8 yes, 1 abstention

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.6 attempted at the University. • The cumulative grade point average of academic work attempted from other institutions will not be included in computing the grade point average for graduation honors. <p>Associate and master's degree candidates are not eligible for honors.</p>	
English as official language	C. Tew expressed concern that Faculty Senate would not have time to review the policy prior to the printing of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. L. Cagle indicated that Dean Schonberger is aware that the Student Affairs committee and Faculty Senate have ample time to review policy changes.	
NEW BUSINESS:		
Use of USI Logo	<p>Clubs are being charged to use logo to promote USI. If it is made on campus, there is not a charge, however if the item is logoed off campus a fee is charged for use of logo.</p> <p>Currently 100% of the money made from logo profit is applied to student scholarships. M. Rozewski concern that logo would go into public domain if student groups were allowed free access to use the logo for t-shirts. K. Scheller states logo is trademark</p> <p>C. Tew reports that other universities also charge for the use of their logo</p> <p>K. Scheller asked if we can ask the university to review current policy</p> <p>V. Goebel raised the issue of the use of the logo by outside (Wal-Mart) versus inside (student organizations) agencies.</p>	<p>L. Cagle will send a request to M. Rozewski and request review of current logo policy by USI for internal use and research.</p> <p>L. Cagle to research practices from other Universities.</p> <p>Motion passed---8 yes; 1 no</p>
Notices that students will be	K. Scheller stated the automatic emails regarding student absences is not	B. Posler will follow up with the issue of mass

absent from class due to participation in events	utilized by faculty, but the responsibility should fall to the student to notify faculty of absences. B. Posler reported that purpose of list is for verification that student will be participating at given event	communication of lists of students who will be missing classes due to a university sanctioned event. Will look at the wording of the email notifications.
Parking issue	USI fleet parks in lot used by Education and Social Work (West lot) M. Opatrny asked whether USI Fleet could be relocated to remote lot in back of tennis courts. V. Goebel wants to know if security could park in a space not designated as student/faculty parking.	Lesa Cagle to contact Mark Rozewski regarding this issue.

Next meeting is March 3, 2010.