

Faculty Senate Meeting: **January 15, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Joy Peluchette, Adrian Gentle, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny , Kent Scheller, Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair), Mellisa Hall (Recording Secretary), Todd Schroer, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Robert Hooper, Vella Goebel, Nadine Coudret, Interim Provost, Brian Posler, Vice-Provost)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fall Break: proposed calendar reviewed. Proposed change: to begin classes two days prior to usual fall start date. University meeting would then be held on a Thursday with college meetings on Friday. Faculty Senate members encouraged to send out proposed fall break information and change of fall start date for faculty to respective colleges. Plan to vote next meeting.
2. Transfer credits proposed policy changes: Senate wanted to assure courses were still evaluated by faculty to meet major. Consensus that new policy would assist in streamlining process of transfer credits through Registrar's office. Motion to accept policy as written: K. Scheller, seconded V. Goebel, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PROVOST'S REPORT:

1. Acknowledgement of loss of Jeron Lewis, Member of Men's basketball team during basketball game last evening. Provost Coudret discussed fund for Jeron's young son through local bank. Senate encouraged possibility of scholarship fund for young son also.
2. Trustee's January 2010 meeting: No formal report presented.
3. Parking: Success of busing/satellite program discussed. No further discussion of need for parking garage at this time.
4. University Handbook: revisions in progress. Faculty Senate will be asked to review any major changes.

December 11, 2009 Minutes: Accepted as amended. Motion: K. Scheller seconded: C. Tew.

OLD BUSINESS:

Topic	Discussion	Decision
January 2010 University Meeting	Felt successful with positive feedback from faculty.	No plans for next meeting discussed.
University's Legal Representation	Potential need to request legal services.	Issues that may involve need for legal council to be processed through appropriate Vice President or USI President.
Banner Issues	Discussion of Banner updates by P.	No conclusion yet on how

	Cashel-Cordo. Training suggested. Registrar's Office and Computer Center assisted in updating software.	to disseminate information on changes.
Graduation with Honors	No discussion.	Proposal will be presented in February.
NEW BUSINESS		
Benefits for Faculty/Adjunct Faculty	Recreation Center: possibility of opening Center to family members of faculty and staff. Motion: J. Peluchette; Seconded: V. Goebel, Motion carried.	K. Scheller to develop policy to send to Economic Benefits.
Tuition Benefit	Tuition sharing between all state universities.	Indiana Higher Education has a policy in place.
Budget Hearing	Faculty loads, salaries, and new faculty positions suggested for budget proposal. Need felt to continue to make our priorities known. Suggestion to raise student fees. Senate felt tuition could be raised while still meeting the mission of USI as an affordable university. Meet Feb. 3rd to discuss budget. 3p.m. HP 2027. All senators encouraged to attend if possible.	L. Cagle will email information to all faculty members about budget meeting dates. Budget Meeting: Feb. 8th
Meeting Dates for Spring 2010	February 12th March 3 rd March 26th April 16th April 30th	
Annual All - Faculty Meeting	April 19 th 3 p.m. Mitchell Auditorium	
Elections for Faculty Senate	Colleges should run elections in March.	
Resolution	Moved to make a formal resolution from the faculty senate on behalf of the entire USI faculty issuing formal condolences to the family and friends of Jerome Lewis. P. Cashel-Cordo, seconded K. Scheller.	Proposed resolution carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:38 p.m.