

## **Faculty Senate Meeting November 20, 2009, unapproved minutes**

### **Meeting Began: 3:00p**

**Attendance:** Joy Peluchette, Adrian Gentle, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny , Kent Scheller, Provost N. Coudret (Interim University Provost), Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair), Mellisa Hall (Recording Secretary), Todd Schroer, Robert Hooper, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Sudesh Mujumdar, Paul Doss (Guest), Wendy Turner-Frey (alternate)

### **Old Business:**

**Minutes 10/9/2009 and 10/23/2009 –**

**10/9/2009 minutes approved as amended**

**K. Scheller motion**

**T. Schroer second**

**10/23/2009 minutes approved as amended**

**C. Tew motion**

**K Scheller second**

**Passed with 4 abstentions**

### **Provost's Report:**

- Assessment day was successful
- Upcoming meeting with Vincennes University to encourage relationship with neighboring community colleges
- Good participation of International Studies Week
- Exploring additional international possibilities for both students and faculty
  - A German University wants to create a partner type program
  - Possibility for USI to offer a 4 week study course for Iraqi students this summer.
- No guidelines currently for faculty who are wanting to do an international semester of teaching. Ideas requested from Faculty Senate members for guidelines from other universities. K. Scheller said perhaps it is possible to create a committee to discuss this issue. Heidi Gregori-Gahan could be a possible resource for this issue.
- Distance education: In 2005 university was offering 235 sections and in 2009 we are offering 233 sections. Although there are fewer sections there are more credit hours being offered. Currently more of our students are going to other institutions to take online classes than we are bringing in students from other universities to our distance ed. courses. Reasons given from students are that we do not offer the classes. C. Tew stated that there are some financial setbacks in wanting to change a course into a distance course. The university offers the same financial incentives for developing any course regardless of the level. Distance education should be a part of the regular assessment plans. Faculty should be given more incentives to experiment with course development.

- USI purchased clickers to create a more active learning environment. There are two options, one you can borrow them or have students purchase the clickers.
- There will be another H1N1 vaccination clinic after Thanksgiving.
- Editorial from Shield about honors for transfer students – how grades are calculated
  - C. Tew: we have charged ourselves, the Faculty Senate, with resolving this issue.
  - Ad Hoc Committee: C. Tew, S. Mujumdar, K. Scheller, L. Cagle, perhaps Sharlett Gillard

### **Announcements:**

**Lesia Cagle:** Kent Scheller provided information for the Shield regarding graduating with honors for transfer students.

Meeting with Dean of Students (Barry Schonberger) – about English as designated official language of communication:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>New Business</b>		
Vote on nominations for the Environmental Sustainability Committee	<p>President Bennett acted on previous Faculty Senate recommendations and created the new University committee on Environmental Stewardship.</p> <p>Committee will have two faculty appointments and one student appointment voted for by Faculty Senate.</p> <p>All interested people will submit a qualifications and why they want to be on the committee. Voting will occur at next meeting</p> <p>Senators to seek out students to appoint to committee.</p> <p>K. Scheller motion to postponed until next meeting after write-ups are received</p> <p>R. Hooper second</p>	Postponed until next meeting
Vote on nominations for the University Athletic Council	<p>New presidential committee will include faculty involvements in athletics. The committee wants to have an appointment of a Faculty Senate member.</p> <p>K. Scheller nominated M. Opatrny</p> <p>S. Mujumdar nominated J. Peluchette</p>	M. Opatrny by acclamation J. Peluchette alternate

Vote on nomination for Student Grievance Committee	K. Scheller motioned S. Mujumdar seconded	Passed - Sarah E. Nelson as student for Grievance Committee
<b>New Charges</b>		
Benefits for adjunct Faculty	K. Scheller motion to send to economic benefits S. Mujumdar second	Sent to Economic Benefits Committee
Parking	<p>C. Tew wants amended the main charge because the charge does not state for whom. C. Tew wants the charge at the end to read that importance should first be for handicap parking.</p> <p>S. Mujumdar stated that there are often spots open just that the open spots are not close. There is not a shortage of parking just a shortage of close parking.</p> <p>P. Cashel-Cordo says there is a problem and said that it would be best if it is possible to just sit down and find a long term solution, not just short terms solutions.</p> <p>W. Turner-Fey could this possibly be a new Environmental Sustainability Committee issue.</p> <p>N. Coudret a parking garage would be a three year project. If senate wants she can bring back to the administrative table.</p> <p>C. Cashel-Cordo wants to send to Provost and possibly create an ad hoc committee to deal with the issue. discussion</p> <p>C. Tew motion to amend charge to deal with handicap parking first then other parking second</p> <p>T. Schroer seconded.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote requested: Yes is for amending charge No is for not amending charge as submitted: Todd. Schroer- yes Adrian Gentle- no</p>	Provost will bring forward and place importance on both handicap and other parking

	<p>Sudesh Mujumdar- yes  Peter Cashel-Cordo- no  Mary Opatrny- no  Wendy Turner-Fey- no  Chad Tew- yes  Joy Peluchette- no  Mellisa Hall- no  Lesa Cagle- no  K. Scheller – no</p> <p>Senators discussed the importance of parking for both disabled and others.</p>	
<b>Old Business</b>		
Proposed changes in the summer calendar for classes		Chair removed from agenda
Strategic Planning – Visioning meeting. 1 person from each college is needed	<p>Education and Human Services – Vella Goebel  Liberal Arts – Anne Statham  COB – Sudesh Mujumdar  CNHP – Mayola Rowser  Science and Engineering – Kent Scheller</p>	
January 4, 2010 Faculty Meeting	<p>K. Draughon wants to two separate sessions.  C. Cashel-Cordo there have been two new topics that are the future of our university, the Environmental Sustainability Committee and international studies perhaps we could give these two groups a chance to talk to the faculty.  Request that a panel of several retired professors, such as John Gottcent, Marlene Shaw, or Dal Herring to speak of what they would have liked to know before they retired.</p> <p>Suggestions for breakout sessions: teaching, research, grants, having an expert speak about program assessment/class assessment/teaching effectiveness; break out group of new faculty members.</p>	

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50