

USI Faculty Senate Minutes

11 November 2016

Senators present: Nick LaRowe, Peter Whiting, Brett Long, Jason Fertig, Chad Milewicz, Wes Durham, Sheri Keenan, Chuck Conaway, Charlotte Connerton, Erin Reynolds, Mary Arvin, Sang Woo Heo, Brandon Field, Rex Strange

Visitors present: Ron Rochon (Provost's Office), Larry Back (Administrative Senate), Riley Guerzini and Gabi Wy (The Shield)

- Called to order 2:31pm
- Minutes from last meeting:
 - Approved with spelling and minor grammatical edits.
- Faculty Senate Chair update:
 - HR Title IX candidate interviewed on Wednesday; another one visiting next week.
 - Academic planning council, by Rex:
 - Many of our colleagues don't know what the function of the Academic Planning Council is. The purpose is to discuss the programs that are in the works. Plan is developed for the University for the next five years.
 - We have two representatives: a Faculty Senate representative and the chair of the Curriculum Committee, both are voting members.
 - Several programs are in development, including an Ed. D. planned for 2017, and a Health Informatics program also planning to start in Fall 2017.
 - President's Council:
 - Looking to add degrees to diplomas.
 - Attended bystander intervention program.
- Provost's update:
 - Indiana Commission for Higher Education just held their meetings on campus.
 - Lots of discussion about the Architecture program that is being proposed by IU.
 - Interested in the *need* for proposed programs: employment, job placement, etc.
 - Three Pott College Dean candidates visiting next week: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please provide feedback. Will be meeting with different governance groups and search committee to discuss. Intent is to have selection finalized by Spring Meeting.
 - Changes to Promotion and Tenure portfolio proposal is going to be distributed to the Department Chairs for their consideration on 30 November. They have already seen a prior version, and it was well-received. If endorsed by them, next is to get it to Faculty Senate for our endorsement. Intend to give faculty who are in the process right now the option to maintain their current procedures or to switch to the new procedures; all incoming faculty will be put on the new procedure.
 - HLC accreditation report:
 - They came out with a syllabus template that they want us all to use. There are new requirements for the syllabi that we will need to use, for example the disability statement that was already supposed to be on them.

- With regard to national election results: be sensitive to students who have concerns and ensure them that the campus will remain safe to them. Refer to him (RR), or the Dean of Students, or to counseling center if there are concerns.
- Larry Back presented the Administrative Senate's charge on the Outside Employment Policy.
 - The current policy requires that outside employment be banned from University personnel. Their decision was that the policy be removed. They also refer people to the existing policies on use of university computers, conflict of interest, etc. that already exist.
 - Active work in the discipline is actually required in some disciplines.
 - Motion to endorse the recommendation of Administrative Senate to remove this policy. Motion passed: 9 votes of approval, 2 abstentions, 2 opposed.
- Charge regarding the review of Course Evaluations presented by Chad
 - Charge asks the Assessment Committee to evaluate the perceived and objective effectiveness of the existing end-of-course evaluations and to develop a committee of people to develop a replacement to the current course evaluations, and provide their report by next February.
 - Motion to pass this charge on to the Assessment Committee passed unanimously.
- Charge regarding UCC and Faculty Senate reporting relationship presented by Wes
 - Major points:
 - Rename committee to Core 39 Committee
 - Reposition the Core 39 Committee as a standing subcommittee of Faculty Senate
 - Core 39 Director would be the chair of the Core 39 Committee, and would be appointed directly by the Provost. The chair would be given voting rights (in the case of a tie). Other details are presented in the charge and proposed language for the new handbook.
 - Since a modification to the Faculty Senate Bylaws is required, this will be voted on for approval at the next meeting. An accidental and informal straw vote indicated that support was unanimous.
- Topics for breakout sessions following the Spring Faculty and Staff Meeting were solicited and collected by Sheri from a wide variety of offices throughout campus.
 - Breakout sessions were selected and consolidated; final list was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned, 4:30pm.