

## Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, 7 March, 2014

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. | UC 206

Meeting Secretary: Brandon Field

Meeting Called to Order: 3:05 pm

1. **PRESENT:** Daria Sevastianova, Frank Ward, Julie Evey, Shelly Blunt, Jason Fertig, MT Hallock Morris, Marilyn Ostendorf, Tony Maria, Rex Strange, Brandon Field, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Jennifer Williams, Garret Merriam, Ethel Elkins
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2014:** Rex Strange made the motion, Garret Merriam seconded. Approved with one abstention.
3. **NO REPORT FROM THE PROVOST'S OFFICE.**
4. **REPORT FROM MT HALLOCK MORRIS, FACULTY SENATE CHAIR**
  - **Advising Work Group:** The Advising Work Group, which is a part of the Enrollment Management Council, met on February 24, 2014. During the meeting, Kat Draughon talked about the data dashboards and the comments received from Noel-Levitz. I have a series of handouts that Brody Broshears distributed before the meeting. If anyone is interested in this information, email me and I will forward them to you. During the meeting, we were encouraged to talk to faculty about attending the advising training sessions related to CORE 39. These sessions are typically on Thursdays.
  - **President's Council:** The President's Council met on February 25, but did not meet on March 4. During the February meeting, Dr. Bennett gave an update on the IU Medical Center. She noted that the Med Center will need to raise close to \$91 million for building and for programming; this price tag, however, could come down based on state appropriations. She noted that a final decision will be made in April. The projected opening date for the Center is sometime in 2017. Dr. Bennett also discussed the changes to the retirement benefits; her comment was that the institution had an obligation to be honest to its employees. The President also talked about the format for the budget hearings; she is looking for competitive proposals related to the recruitment and retention of students. These proposals will be for one time funds. Budget proposals should be kept simple. She noted that the state had a 2 percent take back of operating funds last fall. Furthermore, enrollment this year is down almost 1,000 students (which is around \$2 million in funds).
  - **Board of Trustees – Academic Affairs Committee:** The Board of Trustees meeting was held on March 6. I attended the Academic Affairs Committee meeting prior to the general board meeting. During the committee meeting, faculty and students from the College of Nursing and Health Professions gave an excellent presentation about the college's Clinical Simulation Center.

- **Board of Trustees Meeting:** Several reports were given during the Board of Trustees meeting including: a report on initiatives related to having a 24/7 campus; and the various bills that are being considered by the State Legislature which might have an effect on colleges – such as HP 213 which is related to a career & technical diploma and includes language about Dual Credit and AP courses. The Board approved the candidates for degrees for May Commencement; approved honorary degrees for Robert Reid (former USI provost) and Christa Thurman Sala (Art Institute of Chicago); approved five sabbaticals and five retirements. Finally, the Board approved the changes to the University's retirement benefits (re: Retiree Insurance Eligibility, Defined Contribution Plan, and PERF).

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- Core 39 Implementation Task Force Report Policy 8
  - Rex Strange made the motion to replace the current Policy 8 with: "Students are not required to complete a diversity-embedded course as a prerequisite for a global-embedded course." Brandon Field seconded.
  - Unanimously approved.
- Liaisons with Senate Subcommittees: Subcommittee chairs will be asked present their reports in the April meeting.
- USI Children Center: Discussion is ongoing, MT will bring results to Senate later

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- Senate Elections:
  - One at-large senator needed (Peter C-C)
  - One senator from Romain College of Business (Daria)
  - Two needed from LA (Garrett and Kristlyn)
  - Two needed from HP (Frank and Marilyn)
  - One needed from Pott College (Brandon)
- Subcommittee replacements needed:
  - Assessment: Pott College, Romain College of Business, and At-Large needed
  - Curriculum: Pott College, LA, Romain College of Business, HP all need one person.
  - Economic Benefits: One needed from each college.
  - Faculty and Academic Affairs: Pott College replacement needed, Romain College of Business needs full replacement. HP has two people, where they should only have one. One of the people's terms is expiring, the other one
  - FASTRC: Pott College (Ken), LA (Pat Shaw), Romain College of Business, HP (Katie E)
  - Grievance: Pott College and Romain College of Business both need replacements.
  - Promotions: Pott College and Romain College of Business and two at-large representatives needed. (At-large members need to be full professors). [The original intent was to only be replacing one of each at-large representative. This year, we should hold one election for a one-year term and one election for a two-year term].

- Student Affairs: Pott College and Romain College of Business need replacements
- USI OPEN MEETING PLANNING: To be held March 21, 2014
  - Nominations for the At-large nominations. Kristalyn will send emails to everyone who is nominated.
  - Go through the budget proposal
- Budget Proposal:
  - We had been asked to go over the impacts of the monies that we received last year.
  - Priorities:
    1. Salary increase
    2. Increased use of full-time faculty lines
    3. Equity adjustments
    4. Travel funds
    5. (Library funds)
  - MT will prepare some slides; she would like us to provide feedback prior to the open meeting.
- MT requests that we all look over the Promotion's Committee's role and responsibilities from our bylaws and the report from the Full Professor Task Force in preparation for a meeting in April with the Provost.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:25pm