

USI Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

18 Sept 2015

Present: Brandon Field, Rex Strange, Cindy Deloney-Marino (Pott College); Chuck Conaway, Jessica Jensen, Rob Millard-Mendez (College of Liberal Arts); Peggy Shields, Jason Fertig, Dinko Bačić (Romain College of Business); Heather Schmuck, Marilyn Ostendorf, Gabriela Mustata Wilson (College of Health Professions); Peter Cashel-Cordo, Nick LaRowe (At Large).

Visitors and Guests: Shelly Blunt, Ron Rochon (Provost's Office), Marna Hostetler (Library), Andy Wright (Enrollment Management), Gabi Wy (Shield).

- Called to order, 2:03pm
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, the version with minor revisions had been circulated. Approved, no objections, one abstention.
- Report from Faculty Senate Chair:
 - No Presidential Council this week because of Anniversary events. At the previous meeting, Rex brought up morale issues that Faculty Senate has been made aware of.
 - University Assessment Committee has elected Tamara Hunt as chair of that committee.
 - Rex met with Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee. Rex charged them with the two charges from their final report that was submitted and accepted at the end of last academic year.
- Report from Dr. Rochon:
 - Performance Center will host a one-man show; a mass email went out.
 - Had a visit from Academic Partnerships, from Dallas, TX. They specialize in online delivery modes for graduate instruction in MBA programs, nursing programs, and teacher ed programs (organizational theory, organizational leadership). We have been working on increasing our enrollment and they claim to have had great success with institutions of our size. Dr. Khayum had them meet with the graduate faculty in his college; we are looking at the MBA first. Dr. Rochon will have discussions with the institutions who have worked with them in the past and is optimistic that this has potential for helping with our recruitment and development.
- Discussion on the 60 hour proposal from enrollment management. Motion to approve the circulated proposal to accept more than 60 hours from 2-year transfer students. This makes the policy consistent between 4-year and 2-year schools, and also makes USI consistent with almost all other Indiana State Universities (one exception: IU). Motion made by Nick, seconded by Jason.
 - Eleven in favor, two opposed, no abstentions.
- Motion to adjourn: 2:53pm.