

IUPUI Faculty Council Committee Annual Report 2010-2011

Committee Name: Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)

Chair: Eric R. Wright

Members: Members with Term Expiring June 30, 2011

Devine, Dennis (Science)
 Hassell, John (Business)
 Kitchens, Bruce (Science)
 Marrs, Kathleen (Science)
 Ritchie, Ingrid (Med: Public Health)

Members with Term Expiring June 30, 2012

Brothers, Linda (PETM)
 Buelow, Janice (Nursing)
 Gibau, Gina Sanchez (SLA: Anthro)
 Lupton, Suzann (SPEA)
 Orme, Bill (University Library)
 Rettig, Pamela (Dentistry)
 Salama, Paul (E&T)
 Smith, Josh (Education)
 Walker, Marquita (Labor Studies)

Liaisons for 2010-2012 (or Ex Officio)

Evenbeck, Scott (University College) (Administrative Liaison)
 Watt, Jeff X. (Science: Mathematics) (Executive Committee Liaison)

Action Items:

Action Item(s)	Status
Conducted an Interim Review of the new IUPUI Honors College	Report prepared and approved by the AAC and forwarded to the IFC Executive Committee (May 2011)
Reviewed the Final Report of the New Academic Directions Committee	Summary comments and recommendations from AAC submitted to the IFC Executive Committee (May 2011)
Reviewed Data on IUPUI Faculty Utilization of Sabbatical Leave	Recommend that the IFC Executive Committee appoint an ad-hoc committee to meet with the Campus Sabbatical Committee next year to discuss ways to encourage faculty to take sabbaticals as well as to define the purpose of sabbaticals and examine their importance for the teaching, research, and service mission of the campus

Action Items to be carried over to 2011-2012:

Action Item(s)	Status
Review and Discussion of New University College Policy Regarding the Number of Withdrawals for Possible Adoption Campus-Wide	Deferred until spring of 2012 to review data from University College on the second year of implementing the new policy.
Discussion of Proposed Changes to the IUPUI Probation, Dismissal, and Forgiveness Policy	<p>The committee agreed that a comprehensive review of these policies should be undertaken in 2011-2012 and that this will be the primary focus for the year. Specifically, the committee agreed to address the following issues as part of this process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of an IUPUI dismissal policy, including the appropriate definitions (e.g., dismissal versus “released” from a specific school). 2. Policies for the Calculation of GPAs. This would include the original AAC proposal, but expanding it to include a review of the different types of GPA calculations and a discussion of the possibility of Registrar’s report that would allow the enforcement of any revised policy. 3. Review and Revised the Grade Forgiveness Policy for Returning Students. Consider reviewing IU East’s newly proposed “Fresh Start” program, which is advocating for a major policy change to truly forgive grades (setting IU GPA back to 0.00) prior to a given point with the endorsement of a school. Purdue has a policy that allows students to return and “prove themselves” by successfully completing 12 credit hours and then consider grade forgiveness. 4. Consider an Expanded Grade Replacement Policy (“X” a course out of the IU GPA). This policy and practice should be considered because it will impact a broader forgiveness policy. 5. Review Medical Withdrawal Procedures to help the students process the paperwork; however, a policy is needed to clarify that the standards against which a withdrawal request is granted should remain with the academic units.

Suggested new action items for 2011-2012:

Action Item(s)	Status
None.	

Please attach any completed documents or recommendations made by your Committee during this report year. One copy of this report and supporting documents will be sent to the IUPUI University Archives.

Report due: June 30, 2011

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