

# IUPUI Faculty Council Committee Annual Report 2008-09

**Committee Name:** Student Affairs

**Chair:** Nuria Morral

**Secretary:** Nuria Morral

**Members:** Hollingsworth, Jaena Marie; Justice, Connie F; Morral, Nuria; Rettig, Pamela A.; Sandwina, Ronald M.; Westhuis, David J; Winger, Melvin R.; Wolter, Robert M; Yost, Robert.

**Liasons:** Baker, Sarah S; Whitney, Karen M.; Lewis, Tralicia P.; Spratt, Jason T; Garret, Greg; Nieto, Eduardo; Roberts III, Ronald Noel

**Action Items:**

Action Item(s)	Status
Monitor repair/removal of non-working emergency telephones	Non-working telephones have been removed or fixed.
Monitor progress on adding a pedestrian crosswalk and signage on Vermont Street behind the Dental School	These were installed in July 2008.
Students with Mental Health Needs Policy	The Chancellor and Chief of Staff stated that IUPUI needs guidelines rather than a policy. Faculty were supportive of a more attractive format, called 'Guide for assisting students in distress', based on what's currently used at other Universities. J. Spratt, Assistant Dean of Students, is working on generating such new a document for our campus. In addition, the Behavior Consultation Team is now created and a referral form is available online.
Equal opportunities at IUPUI	Kim Kirkland, director of the Office of Equal opportunity, presented her vision of how conflict will be handled by this Office. The major difference with the previous complaint processing system is that she will encourage that conflict is resolved verbally between the two parties (Consultative Approach) or with the help of a certified mediator (Mediation), before a Formal Investigation is conducted.
IUPUI Student Honor Code	The Committee discussed the possibility of writing a 'basic' Code and have each School add whatever they felt necessary. However, no consensus was reached on this topic about the need for such a document.

Undergraduate Student business	Ronald Roberts, USG Senator, presented results on a survey the USG conducted on having a Fall break (2 days) and dead week (no assignments or classes on the week before finals). Faculty indicated starting the semester on a Monday and taking a Fall break would be OK. The 2-day break in October will be implemented in Fall of 2010.
Second IU Information Technology Strategic Plan	Elmore Garland, Deputy Chief Information Officer and Dean, presented the plan. Faculty indicated that improvements to current technology should be a priority, in particular the Oncourse software, which is not user-friendly and the latest version is more difficult to use than the previous one. There was concern that we should have a single software that facilitates teaching across campus rather than multiple softwares. Faculty also indicated videoconferencing was an important IT issue.
BFC SAC initiative to introduce changes to the IU Code of Conduct	A change on page 3 of the document (lines 76-77), nondiscrimination section, to have the words 'gender identity' added, was proposed by BFC SAC. Members of our committee agreed to such change.
UITS and the effects on students of the changes in technology funding	Faculty indicated concern on the transfer of Undergraduate Student Technology Fees to UITS, as this may diminish the services that some Schools receive.

**Action Items to be carried over to 2009-2010:**

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Equal opportunities at IUPUI	Invite Kim Kirkland to one of our meetings to follow up on the effectiveness of the new system.
Students with Mental Health Needs Policy	Work together with Jason Spratt to finalize the 'Guide for assisting students in distress' and the Behavioral Consultation Team.
UITS and the effects on students of the changes in technology funding	Invite a representative from UITS to one of our meetings to follow up on how UITS is planning to support each School technology needs in the future.

**Suggested new action items for 2009-2010:**

Action Item(s)	Status
Campus housing for students	Check with Student Life that student contracts are appropriately written for the period needed, including the day of finals. At the end of the academic year, the committee received complaints from some students stating that they had to vacate their apartments on the day of their last final or pay for an additional 24-hours.
H1N1 swine flu	Provide feedback to Jason Spratt on what was good/bad in regards to information distributed to everyone in campus on this topic.

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, 2009**

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