Indianapolis Faculty Council (IFC)
Minutes
April 6, 2010 ~ Joseph E. Walther Hall Auditorium ~ 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.


Agenda Item I: Welcome and Call to Order
IUPUI Faculty Council Vice President, Jeff Watt, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Agenda Item II: Adoption of the Agenda as the Order of Business for the Day
The Agenda was adopted as the Order for the Business of the Day.

Agenda Item III: [Action Item] Approval of the IFC March 2, 2010, Minutes
Mary Dankowski, Assistant Dean of Faculty Affairs, School of Medicine: The following change should be made to Agenda Item VI: [Action Item] Extension of the Tenure Clock Policy:

We all rely on peer review. In the School of Medicine, funding is the “coin of the realm” of the peer review.

Hearing no objections, the IFC March 2, 2010, minutes were corrected and entered into record.
(http://www.iupui.edu/~fcouncil/minutes/Minutes_IFC-3-2-10.pdf)

Agenda Item IV: Updates/Remarks from the Chancellor
Charles Banta, Chancellor, IUPUI

Chancellor Bantz gave the following report:

• The campus has self-reported violations to the NCAA and has been placed on probation for three years. The sanctions are those that the campus proposed to the NCAA. A review of the compliance process will be held again this fall.
• Search for the Dean of the School of Engineering and Technology: Dr. David Russomanno has been hired to replace H. Oner Yurtseven. There will be a celebration of Dean Yurtseven’s tenure this summer.
• Smoking Policy: Karen Whitney, Vice Chancellor for Student Life, has worked with students to set up a campus town hall on April 27 at Democracy Plaza.
• Vice Chancellor Whitney has completed the bell campaign for the Campus Center bell tower and a bell has been ordered.
• The Campus Campaign is being extended. $320K has not been achieved and we are working to achieve the goal.
• The state budget revenue forecast has been met.
• Union Building Space: The campus is negotiating space downtown for departments housed in the Union Building that can be moved to an off-campus location.
• The Tennis Center outdoor courts will be closed and used for temporary parking while the expansion of the NCAA building occurs.
• The Sports Garage: A letter has been prepared to send to the Governor to begin the preparation to building an expansion garage to the Natatorium Garage. The expansion will go over to the tennis courts mentioned in the bulleted item above.
• Steve Beering, former Purdue University President, has been named Chairman of the National Science Board, the governing board for the National Science Foundation.
• We are seeing data on enrollment that applications are up. Applications are up on most regional campuses. The enrollment rise is due to College Goal Sunday when students were able to apply to any college campus and avoid application fees. It is unknown how many of the applications will actually have students accept and attend IUPUI.

Agenda Item V: Updates/Remarks from the IFC President
Jeff Watt for Simon Atkinson, President of the Faculty, gave the following report:
• Atkinson is out of town. No report.

Agenda Item VI: [Information Item] Policy on Class Participation and Observance of Religious Holidays; Development of webpage for students and instructors containing links to the statements of university-wide policies concerning courses
Bruce Kitchens, Chair, Academic Affairs Committee
Attachment: http://www.iupui.edu/~fcouncil/documents/policies/religious_policy_4-6-10.pdf
Attachment: http://www.iupui.edu/~fcouncil/documents/policies/religious_form_4-6-10.pdf
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Kitchens reviewed the policies:
• Concerns have been on the following: Final exam policy has been found to be widely ignored, policies on religion observed (committee has suggested a slight wording),

Questions:
• Rhodes asked how to define a religion? Kitchen said the committee has no interest in defining what a religion is and is going on the premise that the policy exists and faculty need to adhere to it.
• Porter said that the Registrar would be willing to house the website for the policies so that they are not listed both on the IFC and the Registrar pages. She also iterated that there is no site on campus that states what a religion is.
• Ward said the way the policy is written is that a religion is whatever a student deems it is. Rhodes then asked how an atheist determines if there is a religious dilemma during a test time. Kitchen has stated that is up to the student to contact the professor if there is a problem.
• It was suggested to look at religious holiday schedules on line before writing a syllabus and determining test days.

As this is redefining these policies, no vote was needed.

**Agenda Item VII: [Information Item] A Strategy for Indiana University to Address the High Cost of Textbooks**

David Lewis, IU Assistant Vice President for Digital Scholarly Communications

Lewis reported on the following:

- Students sell their textbooks back to the bookstore before the final exam to ensure they receive funds back for their textbooks before the quotas are reached.
- Students need to know the costs of textbooks before they register for classes. By this time next year, textbooks need to be ordered for the fall semester so this information is known.
- If you can use previous editions of texts, it would be good to do this to keep costs down.
- The best way to deal with the used market is to deal with rentals. Barnes and Noble are able to do rentals with other campuses, but the way our contract is written, we are not able to do that right now. We are in negotiation to do this, however. There is a good website – Chegg.com – to rent textbooks.
- There are many good alternatives to purchasing of textbooks. A little effort would help a great deal. It would be good for the university to invest in alternatives.
- The textbook industry will change in the next three to five years. It is steadily going down.

**Agenda Item VIII: [Information Item] Academic Plan**

Uday Sukhatme, Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculties


Sukhatme presented the PowerPoint and the following questions were addressed:

- Ward: Are we thinking about scholarships for adult returning students? Sukhatme said that Khaula Murtadha is looking into this and has requested some funding. She is working through Lumina Foundation to see what can be done. Chancellor Bantz welcomes ideas for funding as well. He encouraged faculty to look at the off campus facilities to provide convenience for adults and others to attend college. If our state does not produce undergraduates/graduates, we will not succeed.
- The satellite centers need 300-400 level courses as well.

**Agenda Item IX: [Information Item] Announcement of Election Results for At-Large Representatives and Slates for Nominating Committee, Executive Committee, President, and Vice President**

Carol Bair, Chair, Nominating Committee

Baird read the election results and slates for offices listed as follows:
Election Results:

At-Large Representatives – Tenure Track
2010-2012
Term begins September 1, 2010

Christina Baich (University Library)
Anne Belcher (Nursing)
Julie Belz (Liberal Arts)
David Bodenhamer (Liberal Arts)
David Burr (Medicine)
Andre De Tienne (Liberal Arts)
Stephen Downs (Medicine)
Mary M. Fisher (Education)
Andrew Gavrin (Science)
Mark Goebel (Medicine)
Linda Adele Goodine (Herron)
Kathy Johnson (Science)
Joyce MacKinnon (Health and Rehab Sciences)
M. Razi Nalim (E & T)
William Orme (University Library)
David Stocum (Science)
Hiroki Yokota (E & T)

At-Large Representatives – Non-Tenure-Track
2010-2012
Term begins September 1, 2010

Clinical Category
Darrell Brown (Business)
Mary Ciccarelli (Medicine)
Susan Tennant (Informatics)

Lecturer Category
David Sabol (Liberal Arts)
Kate Thedwall (UCOL and Liberal Arts)
Corinne Ulbright (UCOL)
Robert W. Yost (Science)

Research Category
Brenda Blacklock (Science)
Betsy Fife (Nursing)
Barbara Van Der Pol (Medicine)

Slates:

President**
2010-2012
Term begins May 5, 2010

Andre De Tienne (Liberal Arts)
Jack Windsor (Dentistry)

Vice President**
2010-2012
Term begins May 5, 2010

Jeff Watt (Science)

UFC
2010-2012
Term begins July 1, 2010

Ed Berbari (Engineering and Technology)
Michael Drews (Engineering and Technology)
Nancy Eckerman (Medicine Library)
Clifford Goodwin (Engineering and Technology)
Richard Gunderman (Medicine)
John Hassell (Business)
Jaena Hollingsworth (University Library)
Sara Horton-Deutsch (Nursing)
Joan Kowolik (Dentistry)
Steve Mannheimer (Informatics)
Marie Swanson (Medicine)
Corinne Wheeler (Nursing)

Executive Committee**
2010-2012
Term begins July 1, 2010

Sarah Baker (Medicine)
Bonnie Blazer-Yost (Science)
Benzion “Ben” Boukai (Science)
Clifford “Cliff” Goodwin (E&T)
John Hassell (Business)
Eyas Hattab (Medicine)
Fred Rees (E&T)
Marianne Wokeck (Liberal Arts)

Nominating Committee**
2010-2012
Term begins July 1, 2010

Janice Froehlich (Medicine)
Steven Gregurek (Medicine)
Debomoy Lahiri (Medicine)
Malika Mahoui (Informatics)
Steven Miller (Law Library)
Rosa Tezanos-Pinto (Liberal Arts)
Elizabeth Whipple (Medicine)
Elizabeth Wood (Education)

**Elections for the slates listed will occur at the May 4, 2010, IFC meeting.
Agenda Item X: Report from the IUPUI Staff Council  
Sue Herrell, President

Herrell reported on the following:

- Komen Race for the Cure: The race is April 17, 2010. The goal was to have 41 walkers registered; there are currently 47. The monetary goal was $1001 and they have surpassed that goal as well. The SC will have a window decorating contest to welcome visitors to campus and show our support.
- Legacy Project: The SC planted spring flowers at the West Street campus portal.
- Spring Blood Drive: The event is planned for April 28 in two locations – Campus Center and bloodmobile at Taylor Hall.
- Fine Arts and Crafts Fair: The event will be on October 30, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., in the Campus Center. Proceeds go to student scholarships.
- After conducting two surveys, the SC hopes to change their meeting time from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to 2:00-4:00 p.m. to reflect the changing needs of the staff. The date will remain on the third Wednesday. A vote will be taken at the April 21, 2010, meeting.

Agenda Item XI: Call for IFC or UFC Standing Committee Reports

No reports.

Agenda Item XII: Question / Answer Period

- Nancy Chism asked about an insurance plan for associate faculty. Bantz responded that Inside IUPUI stated University Human Resources has said the plan has been denied. He has spoken with AVP Dan Rives about this issue, but in this economic situation, it is not possible. It is a concern of ours, but monetarily it is not possible at this time. Ward stated the request for an insurance plan was brought up by the same associate faculty group in Liberal Arts who is organizing the “teach in.” Wokeck stated that the group was trying to get insurance on their own, not through the university. She asked to have something in writing from Dan Rives about the legal standing so that the group is able to respond or be knowledgeable of the fact.

Agenda Item XIII: Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

Agenda Item XIV: New Business

No New Business

Agenda Item XV: Adjournment

Vice President Watt adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.
Report on Council Actions (per Bylaws Article 1. Section C.3):

Items to be Completed:
- Unit Representatives: Inclusion of the Columbus Campus
- Election: University Faculty Council and Undergraduate Curriculum Advisory Council
- Election: President, Vice President, Nominating Committee, and Executive Committee

Items Completed:
- Election: Faculty Board of Review Pool and Faculty Grievance Advisory Committee
- Policy: Review Procedures for Academic Administrators: Passed February 2010
- Election: At-Large Members for the TTF and NTTF faculty.
- Policy on Class Participation and Observance of Religious Holidays: Updated and Approved April 2010
- Development of a webpage for students and instructors containing links to the statement of University-wide policies concerning courses: Approved April 2010.

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