

Approved November 20, 2003.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
 2003-2004
 OCTOBER 23, MINUTES

Time: 3:15 p.m.
 Place: HMSU, Dede III
 Officers: Chairperson H. Hudson, Vice Chair S. Lamb, Sr. A. Anderson
 Senators: M. Bahr, F. Bell, G. Bierly, M. Brennan, P. Burkett, A. DiSalvo, J. Drake, B. Evans,
 J. Finnie, B. Frank, J. Gatrell, J. Harper, D. Hews, C. Hoffman, N. Hopkins, N. Lawrence,
 K. Liu, C. MacDonald, M. Ould-Mey, R. McGiverin, F. Muyumba, B. Phillips, R. Schneirov,
 S. Sharp, V. Sheets, J. Tenerelli,
 Absent: C. Amlaner, D. Burger, K. Byerman, S. Davis, D. Gilman, M. Hayden,
 J. Jakaitis, J. Lyman, S. Macke, S. Shure, T. Zaher
 Ex-Officio: President Benjamin, Provost Maynard, Vice President Schafer
 Visitors: R. Antonak, D. McKee, R. Warn

I. Memorial

A memorial was read and accepted for Chester Sanders. (Hoffman, Lawrence 27-0-0)

II. Administrative Report

President Benjamin:

- 1) shared insights on realities of the state budget: the state of the budget (statewide) is not a happy picture-some legislators are taking a draconian view of higher education costs;
- 2) reported that the Stalker Hall renovation preparations are moving slowly;
- 3) relayed that the compensation study moves forward-he has received an interim report, and data gathering continues;
- 4) extended congratulations to the School of Education which has received \$3.9M award from the Department of Education;
- 5) reported that ISU named #1 in athletic academic achievement in the Missouri Valley Conference—the women's softball and basketball teams received national attention for their academic achievement;
- 6) noted that work on integrated marketing continues—thanks to H. Hudson for joining other ISU representatives in Colorado to work on taglines.

Provost Maynard:

- 1) congratulated the School of Nursing for receiving a recommendation for 8 years by the accreditation committee;
- 2) approved 30 faculty searches—ads should be in the Chronicle within the next 2 weeks;
- 3) reported that the candidate list for Financial Aid Director is narrowing—candidates should be on campus in mid November to early December;
- 4) noted that there is a temporary realignment, with Financial Aid working with the Director of Finance—progress has been made in getting checks to students.

III. Chair Report

Chair Hudson:

- 1) has met with the governing body chairpersons—general discussions were on workload and evaluation of Deans;
- 2) attended the Deans' Council;
- 3) thanked those who attended the Educational Marketing Group (EMG) focus meetings, and expressed appreciation for the consultants' insistence on having faculty input;
- 4) acknowledged receipt of President Benjamin's response to the Executive Committee's reply of last Fall—it will be on the Executive Committee agenda soon;
- 5) stated that the Board of Trustees will meet tomorrow—main agenda item is the Sexual Harassment Policy.

IV. SGA Report

D. Huntsinger:

- 1) reported on Homecoming activities;
- 2) stated that SGA is working to fill seats on senate committees;
- 3) encouraged faculty and students to attend the mayoral forum on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Science 012;
- 4) announced that SGA, with the American Democracy Project and D. Hantzis, has formed a reading group;
- 5) stated that SGA hopes to implement Freshman 15 in Fall '04;
- 6) reported that SGA is working to fill open seats, particularly CAS representation.

V. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion

- 1) An invitation was extended to the annual AAUP meeting at IUPUI on November 1, as well as the ISU Chapter on November 12 at 4:15 in Dede II.
- 2) The role of consultants in studies for the Compensation Committee was requested—Answer: their role is as data gatherers, who will give a preliminary report by mid-November to the committee.
- 3) An update on the financial aid payback was requested—Answer: ISU still waiting to hear from the Department of Education.
- 4) Concern has been expressed in ISU/community meetings about the need for lights on 7th and 8th streets for student crossing—a lack of student sensitivity in letting cars through; ideas were shared—President Benjamin will follow up.
- 5) Concern was expressed about student eligibility for student loans—apparent inequities—Provost Maynard suggested there is a misunderstanding and will talk with the student.
- 6) Financial aid phone lines all go through same number which is always busy—any way for advisors to get through? Answer: more persons being hired so calls will be answered; also, as services improve, there should be fewer calls.
- 7) Noting the resignations of I.U.'s Brand, VU's Blanchard and now BSU's Brownell, F. Bell read an excerpt from the *Muncie Star Press* editorial, What kind of president does Ball State University want?, "...Unfortunately, university boards of trustees are pretty much a closed shop in Indiana. They come together at intervals to address issues, hold minimum discussion and announce decisions. Not much meaningful communication with the public takes place, even though they represent a public university..."

VI. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the September 25, 2003 meeting were approved. (Evans, Liu 27-0-2)

VII. Senate Actions

- 1) Family Friendly Tenure Clock—after discussion the concept was approved, will be crafted into Handbook language, and resubmitted to the Senate for vote. (Lamb, Sheets 25-2-1)
- 2) University Retirement Contribution Benefit—after discussion was approved to send it, with amendments, to the Compensation Committee to be considered with other parts of the benefit package—J. Gatrell will submit a minority report to the committee. (Tenerelli, Liu 15-7-5)
- 3) Faculty Grievance policy will be considered at the November Senate meeting.
- 4) Slate for the Provost Search Committee was approved. (Hopkins, Lamb 25-0-2)

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

AAC: Met once and selected a slate of faculty to serve on the Provost Search Committee; next meeting November 12.

AEC: No report.

CAAC: Met four times; forwarded to the Executive Committee an acknowledgement of receipt and recommendations of University Handbook language concerning General Education Council locus of control; approved 3 program modification proposals and 3 general education course proposals; approved modification to general education requirements for History and English Majors.

FAC: Met once and went through charges and established subcommittees to work on the charges. Next meeting is October 31.

FEBC: Met once and discussed health insurance issues.

Grad Council: Met three times and adopted a course repeat policy; discussed the College Network and the Masters of Nursing Program; discussed the Dept of Criminology and the National Career Development Assoc proposed agreement. Next meeting is November 4.

SAC: Met once and discussed the charges. The next meeting will be November 5.

URC: Met twice to discuss charges. David Beach was chosen as the URC rep on the Theodore Dreiser Distinguished Research and Creativity Awards Committee. Diana Hews volunteered to handle disbursement of requests for funds to cover the cost of reprints. Next meeting is Oct. 29.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.