

Approved March 25, 2004.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
 2003-2004
 FEBRUARY 19, MINUTES

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

I. Administrative Report

Provost Maynard:

- 1) The Board of Trustees is meeting next Thursday and Friday, February 26 and 27; items on the agenda include retirement benefits to new faculty based on FEBC/Senate recommendations last year—two-year waiting period eliminated effective July 1, 2004, for eligible faculty to receive immediate contributions to TIAA-CREF retirement annuity contracts with a ten percent University contribution rate. These contracts will have a two-year delayed vesting. Current faculty within the two-year waiting period will be given a choice of having the ten percent contribution rate immediately (July 1, 2004) or continuing to fulfill the remainder of the two-year wait for the 12 percent rate;
- 2) Letters have been sent to three ad hoc committees along with charges and timelines—Evaluation of Deans, Electronic Reporting of Faculty Activities, and Review of SCH Targets;
- 3) Senator Evan Bayh is scheduled to announce his candidacy tomorrow at the Federal Building;
- 4) Deans' and Vice-Presidents' budget presentations are scheduled for the next three weeks.

II. Chair Report

Chair Hudson:

- 1) Approved *Handbook* language for the Family Friendly Tenure Clock policy is under review by the University counsel; intended for the April Board of Trustees agenda;
- 2) FEBC has been charged to review the University's policies and timetables for terminating family medical benefits and issuing final paychecks following the death of a faculty member;
- 3) Thanks to the Provost for the letter explaining the IT support reorganization;
- 4) Mardi Gras benefit for the Faculty Scholarship was cancelled; thanks to those who donated anyway;
- 5) A seminar will be presented to the Board of Trustees on the work of the Compensation Committee;

6) AAUP fund raiser for political candidates is planned for March 24th.

III. SGA Report

Doug Huntsinger:

- 1) Elections for SGA will be on February 23-25. Voting will be via the Portal.
- 2) SGA is participating in a petition asking for the governor to investigate bookstore practices.
- 3) Activities planned for March, Disability Awareness Month.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the January 29, 2004, meeting were approved as amended. (Davis, Hoffman voice vote)

V. New Business

Special Purpose Faculty Proposal

R. Schneirov provided history on the document and highlighted main goals: protection for professional standards, better compensation, departmental and University cap on percentage of faculty utilized within this classification, greater equity and inclusiveness in University processes, provision of an advocate to ensure academic rights are upheld.

After discussion, accepted as amended. (Schneirov, Bell 26-3-4)

AAC: Administration/Faculty Count as of October 1, 2003

C. Hoffman provided highlights of the information and noted that P. McClintock was extremely helpful which permitted the report to be completed earlier than usual.

Accepted. (Hoffman, Liu voice vote)

VI. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion

Request for an explanation of the drop in retention from last year—Provost has requested OSPIRE to determine.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

AAC: Met once; discussed Professional Satisfaction Survey and also, procedures and definitions associated with administrative searches.

AEC: Finished work for this semester.

CAAC: Met three times; approved program proposals from the departments of Music, Organization, Manufacturing and Construction Technology, and Health, Safety and Environmental Health Sciences; heard a presentation on the Transfer Central organization plan for campus.

FAC: Met once; heard a presentation on the state of technology at ISU; received progress reports from subcommittees; new charge from the Executive Committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

FEBC: Met two times; working on a health benefits survey.

Grad Council: Met three times; discussed residency requirements for distance education, these editing requirements, and relationship of Graduate School and International Studies offering of courses away from campus.

SAC: Met once; continues to discuss the charges; Chris MacDonald resigned as Chair due to workload this semester. Vice-Chair Marsha Miller has stepped up to be Chairperson of the committee.

URC: Met once; considering the 25 summer grant proposals that have been submitted.

General Education: Met three times; two capstone course proposals were reviewed, returned to the departments for revisions, re-submitted, and approved. Two course revisions were also approved. The Commission for Higher Education Framework document was discussed for two meetings with particular emphasis on the impact on the General Education Program of policy suggested by the Framework. A subcommittee was established to develop an RFP form to request applications for funding to promote liberal learning through the Focus Indiana Grant. Program Review and Assessment materials are due in the Office of General Education on Friday, February 20, from those departments and faculty delivering Scientific and Mathematical Studies courses. A call will soon be distributed for review and assessment materials regarding all Literary, Artistic, and Philosophical Studies courses; these materials will be due early in the Fall 2004 semester.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. (Davis, Lui voice vote)