

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
2012-2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 28, 2012
3:30 p.m., HMSU 227

Present: V. Sheets, A. Anderson, K. Bolinger, J. Conant, T. Hawkins, B. Kilp, E. Lorenzen,
C. Olsen, T. Sawyer
Ex Officio: President Bradley, Provost J. Maynard
Guest: J. Powers, Interim VP for Student Retention

I. Administrative reports

President Bradley:

- a. ISU's Enrollment topped 12,114. It is the highest enrollment since 1993. It is most likely to increase another 100 or so due to College Challenge numbers.
- b. ISU is significantly down in head count in graduate studies. Need to determine what is going on with these numbers. There has been a three-year decline.
- c. Transfer numbers are only up 1% which is very disappointing.
- d. Academic Opportunity Program (AOP) numbers are up slightly over last year. Nearly half (140) have gone through the LEAP program held in the summer.
- e. President Bradley is meeting with University Advisory group this week.
- f. Budget presentation to the Indiana Commission in the next two weeks is the first of three or four presentations this fall between the Commission and Legislature.
- g. Trustees will be on-campus next week.
- h. Distance education numbers are down. The growth rate has decreased to 1.5% from 5%. There is growth, but it is slower than expected.
- i. Benchmark enrollment for 2014 will be 14,000 students.
- j. Retention numbers for the fall will be 60.5% for a 2.5% increase. This is better than last year, but we need to do better.
- k. No students in Candlewood Suites this academic year. However, next year there may be approximately 140 in there because one of the residential towers will be down for renovation.

Provost J. Maynard: No report.

II. Chair report, V. Sheets: No report.

III. **MOTION TO APPROVE** the Executive Committee Minutes of August 21, 2012 (A. Anderson/ J. Conant; vote: 8-0-1)

IV. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion:

- a. A. Anderson was concerned about available parking for faculty on-campus behind the old Colleges of Education and Business. Other concerns were brought forward. The President will look into parking issues brought forward by many in the Executive Committee.
 - b. A. Anderson expressed concern regarding ISU's permission to explore for oil and gas. President Bradley indicated that exploration will be for oil only.
 - c. B. Kilp asked the President about the shooting that took place last Friday morning in an ISU parking lot across the street from the Ballyhoo. President Bradley has requested Student Affairs to determine if something needs to be done to provide training to prevent such activities.
 - d. B. Kilp asked about bike paths through the campus to remove safety issues. The President has asked the VP of Finance to determine what rules and procedures need to be developed and implemented to improve safety on campus.
 - e. V. Sheets raised concern that rules/process for getting computer carts for non-technology classrooms had changed without prior explanation to faculty who were caught off-guard.
 - f. V. Sheets asked whether the computer rental program was advertised to students and how to refer a student. This rental program may be opened to the upper class.
 - g. J. Conant thanked the President about the cleanup of the landscape around Holmstedt Hall.
- V. Informational items: Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Planning (Josh Powers) Presentation (presentation will be posted on the Faculty Senate website).
Questions/Comments related to presentation:
- a. K. Bolinger: How did students chose to leave, and what were their GPAs?
J. Powers: About 50% choose to leave. The GPAs are across the board from low to high.
 - b. J. Conant asked about the composition of the Student Success Committee. Only one member is a faculty member who teaches First Year students. He's concerned about the low number of faculty serving on the committee. The President suggested that additional faculty can and should be added to the committee.
 - c. B. Kilp asked whether ISU is measuring "intellectual curiosity". Presently, there is no direct attempt to gather such information. However, there is a pilot testing (three questions) program (coming from ACCRO) to look at a greater number of academic variables in future students prior to acceptance. This will be piloted with low end (AOP) and high end (Presidential Scholars) students.
 - d. T. Hawkins asked about student losses at the sophomore year.
J. Powers suggested reasons that upper class students leave due to financial issues, academic issues, transfers to other institutions (most often to Ivy Tech Community College) including a variety of other reasons.
- VI. New Business:
- a. Revised Convocation Committee (Performing Arts Series Committee) Slate **MOTION TO APPROVE** the slate for the Performing Arts Series, seconded by (C. Olsen/J. Conant; vote: 9-0-0).
 - b. Report on Biennial Evaluation:

A summary report was provided for review by the Executive Committee and a request for a FAC charge to develop an appeal process.

Provost Maynard requested that a small group (FAC or another sub group) to review and finalize the process to be undertaken during the next academic year.

SEDONA will be the replacement for DIGITAL Measures and unveiled this fall for the campus. It is faculty portfolio software. Workshops are being planned and scheduled for the faculty beginning in October.

MOTION TO ACCEPT the FAC report on Biennial Evaluation, (A. Anderson/K. Bolinger; vote: 9-0-0.)

Note: V. Sheets, J. Conant, Provost Maynard and S. Powers will form an advisory group to review the nuts and bolts of implementation of the system.

c. **MOTION TO APPROVE** reassignment of budget oversight responsibility proposal (K. Bolinger/B. Kilp)

President Bradley requested this motion be put on hold until he and Provost Maynard have an opportunity to discuss it.

Above-mentioned **MOTION** was **withdrawn** (K. Bolinger/B. Kilp; vote: 9-0-0).

VII. Information/Discussion Items:

- a. Nominations/recommendations were offered for a special purpose faculty advocate. It was noted that proposal to expand voting rights to instructors will come before the Faculty Senate. V. Sheets and Provost Maynard will discuss appointment.
- b. Nominations/volunteers for forecasting & planning: Nominations sought: V. Sheets requested that members email him regarding potential nominees.
- c. Further revision to committee charges: The discussion continued about charges to the standing committees.

Move to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. (C. Olsen/K. Bolinger; vote: 9-0-0).