

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
2012-2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 18, 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
Guests: Dean L. Maule, University College

I. Administrative reports

President Bradley:

- a. President attended the Commission of Higher Education meeting last Friday. He spoke to the Commission about the budget process and formula for funding higher education in Indiana. He suggested to the Commission the proposed budget by the Commission for ISU was unreasonable.
- b. The Board of Trustees will approve a budget that was proposed by the Commission (5% reduction over the last biennium); but, will also request similar funding as provided in the last biennium which would be less than last biennium caused by inflation only.
- c. The President will express to the faculty and staff during his annual State of the University, that the University overall is improving; but, there is continued pressure to be more productive by the Commission and the State Legislature.
- d. The University will employ a search firm to assist in hiring the next Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

II. Chair report, V. Sheets:

- a. V. Sheets announced that Patricia Kennedy, Faculty Associate for University Faculty Senate is retiring from Indiana State University as of November 30, 2012. A search will be underway for her replacement.

III. **MOTION TO APPROVE** the Executive Committee Minutes of September 11, 2012 (A. Anderson/B. Kilp; vote: 8-0-0).

IV. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion:

- a. The Foundational Studies Committee is preparing a proposal to become a standalone Committee of the Faculty Senate similar to Graduate Council model.
- b. The Commission of Higher Education will be using a metric related to the total number of graduates. Presently, ISU has approximately a 5% decline in total graduates. This decline in number of graduates will continue to impact ISU for the next 3-4 years because of low enrollments in the past. After that point the current enrollment increases will begin to show an increase in total graduates. However, this decline will impact ISU over the next two biennial budgets.

- c. The President said that there will be a 2% salary increase in 2013; but, most likely not in 2014 if the state continues to reduce the University budget.
- d. Sedona (faculty e-portfolio software) continued to cause frustration among EC members. Particularly as it related to promotion and tenure and departmental customization for promotion and tenure. Further, discussions will be held with the Provost before the faculty roll-out in November.
- e. Faculty searches will be announced in late October or early November, after all personnel data has been reviewed. The President wants to see staffing levels established in each department in the future.
- f. The President will have a draft of the proposed new University Budget Committee by late September for the faculty to review.
- g. Many faculty are frustrated by the change in the three week attendance reports. They feel the former report was a good tool to be used in the retention efforts across campus. The reason for the change was to change the University's description to a non-attendance reporting institution. The University was designated as an attendance reporting institution, which required the University to be able to indicate when a student stopped coming to class to the Federal government (required by Title IV). Therefore, the new report provides only two options to meet Title IV requirements. A second form is being developed to gather attendance data for retention purposes; but, will not be available until the spring or next fall.

V. Informational Items:

- a. Dean L. Maule provided the EC with an update of the progress of the University College Task Force. The EC suggested that the Taskforce report will be sent to the EC and then distribute to the appropriate standing committees.

VI. Discussion Items:

- a. Provost Search Committee

Materials, regarding the composition of a selection committee for the president, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and other vice president positions, were distributed to the EC to review prior to the discussion. After much discussion with the President, it was agreed to move forward with the Senate selection process for faculty members representing the faculty on the Provost Search Committee. The AAC will prepare a slate of four faculty members and an alternate slate and forward to the EC and then to the Senate for final approval. Once approved, the names will be forwarded to the President for inclusion on the Provost Search Committee.

VII. New Business:

- a. **MOTION TO APPROVE** nominees for the following taskforce and committees (K. Bolinger/J. Conant; Vote: 9-0-0)

Library Taskforce – Jennifer Ryan (History)

Student Success Committee – Guo Ping Zhan (Chemistry & Physics), Lisa Philips (History), and Darlene Hantzis (Communications)

College of Education Dean Search Committee – Brad Venable (Art)

OIT/CIRT – Qhao Weng (Earth & Environ. Systems)

VIII. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** 5:45 p.m. (A.Anderson/B. Kilp; vote: 9-0-0)