

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
2007-2008
FEBRUARY 22, 2008 MINUTES

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Place: College of Business, Board Room

Officers: Chair V. Sheets, Vice Chair A. Halpern, Parliamentarian T. Sawyer

Senators: S. Allen, E. Bermudez, K. Bolinger, S. Brake, M. Brennan, E. Brown, J. Buffington, H. Chait, D. Collins, B. Corcoran, S. Davis, J. Fine, S. Ghosh, E. Hampton, P. Hightower, J. Hughes, P. Jones, M. McLean, M. Miller, G. Minty, C. Nelson, S. Phillips, S. Pontius, R. Schneirov, T. Steiger, C. Stemmans, G. Stuart, J. Wilson, D. Worley, D. Yaw, G. Zhang

Absent: T. Allen, Sr. A. Anderson, N. Corey, K. Evans, K. Wilkinson, T. Zaher,

Ex-Officio: R. English

Visitors: J. Kuhlman

I. Chair's Report, V. Sheets

- a. All were encouraged to turn in the Faculty Senate nomination forms, and to consider involvement in University Committees when the time comes.
- b. The Presidential Search Committee is making progress, arranging airport interviews.
- c. Health Benefits Review Committee has finally been called to meet. A promise was made by Vice President Floyd that, though starting late, the group will not be rushed. They will have time to complete a full investigation before formulating recommendations.
- d. Many have raised questions about ISU's master plan following the revelation of ISU's property purchases. The administration is encouraged to take advantage of the questioning, to engage the faculty, to work collaboratively to build a shared plan of ISU's future.
- e. Tomorrow the Board will act on a revised University Mission Statement and Core Values. Dr. Maynard is to be commended for establishing a collaborative process for their development.
- f. Yesterday's Sustainability Summit showed widespread support. Along with the success of the recycling center, there are many other initiatives underway. ISU still has far to go, but its accomplishments are something to be proud of.

II. SGA Report, AJ Patton

- a. The SGA code overhaul is complete. SGA Vice President, Jeff Brown, worked hard and did a great job.
- b. Elections were held this week. President Elect Michael Scott Jr. was introduced.
 - i. M. Scott Jr. looks forward to working with everyone on campus. He takes office on 26 March, 2008.
- c. Retrospectively, President Patton made two points.

- i. He wished he'd pushed harder to see a plan for recruiting minority faculty, specifically African-Americans.
 - ii. He wishes we'd move on a method for making teaching evaluations public to students.
 - d. President Patton thanked Chair Sheets, Dr, Lamb, and mentors J. Buffington and Mrs. Jones. He expressed pleasure over serving as SGA President for the past two years.
- III. Memorial Resolutions, both accepted by acclamation.
 - a. Dr. Sidney Murray
 - b. Dr. William Nardini
- IV. Administrative Report, R. English
 - a. Status report on the promotions and tenure process: thirty-two applications were turned in and thirty were approved. Four were promotions to full professor, one was a promotion and tenure in the Library, and the rest were to associate professor and tenure. Thirty-eight sabbatical leave applications were turned in this year. Decisions will be made by Friday. Last year there were thirty-three applications. Four were denied.
 - b. Budget meetings are set for March 18, 21, and 24. The Provost, Deans, and Vice Presidents will provide presentations.
 - c. Approximately seventy people attended yesterday's sustainability forum. Of particular note, ISU has reduced its green house emissions by 30%, far better than most other universities.
 - d. There will be a Board of Trustees this afternoon and tomorrow. The priority items on the agenda are the revised Mission and Value statements and Criminal Background Checks for faculty.
 - e. The NCA process is moving along fairly well. Bob Appleton, ISU's NCA representative, will be here on February 27th and 28th to review our initial report and provide feedback.
 - f. The committee formed by G. Floyd to review ISU's health insurance program has been called to meet. The committee is responding to a new reporting and funding standard for post retirement health care benefits. Concern was expressed over the magnitude and timing of this task. The preferred due date is June 30th.
- V. Informational Item
 - a. The president of Grad Studies Association made a request to start attending Faculty Senate meetings. The constitution doesn't give them a speaking roll. A charge may go out next year to address this.
- VI. Approval of Minutes – (Pontius/Sawyer) 28-0-0
- VII. 15 Minutes Open Discussions
 - a. Mission Statement
 - i. Concern was expressed over arbitrary changes made to the Mission Statement after it left the Task Force office.
 - ii. It was suggested that it would have been nice if the statement had been brought before the Senate.
 - iii. Chair Sheets was asked to forward the Task Force's objection to the changes to the Board of Trustees.

- iv. The President made changes to the Mission Statement, after it was completed, that made “doctoral research” too important. He also changed “Wabash Valley and the world” to “citizens for Indiana and the world.” He made a word change from “every” to “each.”
- v. Appreciation was expressed toward the Mission Task Force.
- vi. The Mission Statement was created by a broad range of campus constituents. It is an important statement to remind us of our goals on campus. Because the wording was changed to “Indiana State University, a doctoral research university, combines...” that string of words promises that this is a main focus, while it actually only makes up about 10 or 11% of what we are.

VIII. New Business

- a. Recommendation from the URC (Collins/Fine)
There is a need to give further consideration to the ramifications of summer stipends and research money. Due absence of the speaker, a motion was made to table. (Hampton)
- b. Automotive Technology Management – Speakers not in attendance.
Motion to table. (Pontius)
- c. Human Resource Development Minor (Sawyer/Pontius) – Discussion in the differences between the Major and the Minor. Question called (Bolinger) 28-0-1
- d. FAC recommendations (Collins/Bermudez)
 - i. Caleb Mills wording changes for clarification purposes. Question called. (Pontius) 29-0-0
 - ii. Creation of “Affiliate Faculty” position for the handbook. (Fine/Bermudez) Motion to table due to absence of speaker. Request for full documentation. (Fine)
- e. Slating for URC to replace Doug Martin with Susan Kray (Chait/Sawyer) 28-0-1
- f. Graduate Transfer Credit – J. Kuhlman (Sawyer/Collins) Discussion to explain reasoning behind the proposed change. Called (Chait) 29-0-0

IX. Old Business – none

X. Committee Reports

- a. AAC – The committee has met twice since the last Senate meeting. It is meeting again next Friday. The main concern is in looking at how they might most effectively give advice on the Vision 2030 Facilities Plan.
- b. AEC – none
- c. CAAC – The new on-line catalog from ACALOG was discussed at length. Academic Integrity was a topic of conversation with the number of incidents in the fall term presented along with suggestions to improve. The following were approved:
Industrial Technology Management BS Degree revision and name change to Technology Management.
Elimination of the Industrial Supervision BS Degree.
Human Resource Development for Higher Education and Industry Minor.
Elimination of the BA/BS in Environmental Health

Change of title of the Health Science Major's Community Health
Promotion Concentration to Public Health Concentration

Revision of:

Coaching Concentration from 15 credits to 12

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology

Aviation Technology Minor

Aviation Management B.S.

Professional Aviation Flight Technology B.S.

B.S. Automotive Technology Management

Advanced Manufacturing Management

Packaging Minor

- d. FAC – Approved a document that recommends adding minus grades and adding an A+ grade, which equals 4.0.
 - e. FEBC – The committee has met twice. They are discussing bariatric surgery. Also being discussed is G. Floyd's committee and concern over the proposed deadline.
 - f. GC - The committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting. They have approved some curricular changes in the College of Technology. Today they approved the assistantships/scholarships guideline revisions.
 - g. SAC – SAC has met one time. Continuing to work on all of their charges including examining minus grades. They have not reached resolution on any of them, yet. They will be soliciting applications for the faculty scholarship which will go out shortly. David Wright spoke at the last meeting about the new academic integrity policy.
 - h. URC – The committee has met once. Proposals have been distributed. There's about \$27,000 to give out, there's been about \$45,000 requested. They will meet in early March to review the proposals.
- XI. Thanks were given to K. Buchholz for her service with the Faculty Senate as this is her last Senate meeting. A. Halpern and V. Sheets are starting a search for a replacement.