

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
11/17/2006

Faculty Attending: Margaret Adamek, Joann Beathea, Bob Bennett, Carolyn Black, Kathy Byers, Chris Cotton, Barry Cournoyer, Jim Daley, Sheila Dennis, Gail Folaron, Erika Galyen, Sherry Gass, Carol Hostetter, Pat Howes, Dwight Hymans, Khadija Khaja, Hea-Won Kim, Susan Larimer, Bruce McCallister, Lisa McGuire, Paul Newcomb, Anita Osborn, Phil Ouellette, Manoj Parsadanji, Mike Patchner, Cathy Pike, Irene Queiro-Tajalli, Carlene Quinn, Marilynne Ramsey, Theresa Roberts, Carol Satre, Celisa Snyder, Mary Stanley, Pat Sullivan, Jeffrey Thigpen, Becky VanVoohris, Bob Vernon, Marion Wagner, Mickey Webb, Dave Westhuis, Sabrina Williamson

Guests: May Beth Minnick and Joe Harmon, IUPUI Library

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the newly-elected Chair Bob Vernon. Bob thanked Pat Sullivan for his many years of service as the previous Chair of Faculty Senate. Bob announced two changes to the agenda: The utilization of course evaluation for assessment would replace a report on online education by Dave Westhuis and the addition of an IUPUI-specific item on video issues was added to New Business.

Carol Hostetter presented the minutes that had been previously distributed via email. There were no corrections. Jim Daley moved and Irene Queiro-Tajalli seconded the minutes and the motion was passed unanimously.

Irene Queiro-Tajalli gave a final Treasurer's Report on the Faculty Fund. We have \$256.50 in checking and \$152.75 in savings. She reminded everyone that the fund is now used for recognitions and gifts for both faculty and staff. Faculty are asked to give \$35 per year and staff may contribute an amount that they determine is fair. Irene wished Carol Hostetter well as she assumes the Treasurer position.

Agenda Item #1 – Mary Stanley introduced Mary Beth Minnick (Collections) and Joe Harmon (Instructional) from the IUPUI library, who will be our contacts while she is taking a sabbatical this spring, prior to her retirement. We should contact them with our library needs in her absence.

Agenda Item #2 – Lisa McGuire presented a motion, previously distributed by email, to accept revisions of the S632 course. These revisions were passed by the MSW committee in the Spring of 2006. Jim Daley moved and Cathy Pike seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Becky VanVoohris presented a proposed Policy on Academic Honesty and Plagiarism which excerpted some of the Indiana University Policy on Plagiarism as well as some additional definitions from our School, including the word "unintentional". Jim Daley moved and Carol Hostetter seconded the proposal and it passed. It was suggested that we utilize this wording in our syllabi as well as circulating it separately. Becky felt that her ad hoc committee had completed the task for which they signed on but

there were two issues that still needed to be addressed: 1) Issues of academic honesty and 2) Procedures to handle problems. Bob Vernon asked each of the three curricular committees to identify a representative to work on these issues. Mike Patchner raised the issue that in our current appeals process, there is no “stop” mechanism where the Dean can finalize a faculty decision on plagiarism issues without involving the full appeals process. There was some question about the legality of this in the legal requirements for due process but thought there might be some mechanism for dealing with “frivolous” cases. **SOMEBODY** agreed to check on this and report back in January.

Agenda Item #4 – Constitution Revision process – Bob Vernon reported that we have identified a copy of the School’s constitution which has not been updated in some time. Bob will be getting together with Lisa McGuire, Secretary and Carol Hostetter, Treasurer to look at possible updates. Other faculty are invited to review the document and consider potential changes as well.

(Amended Agenda) Agenda Item #5 – Use of Course Evaluations for Assessment Purposes – David Westhuis and the Assessment Committee felt it was important to discuss the issue of faculty confidentiality of course evaluation scores as we are moving forward with the assessment of our curriculum. He presented two options for consideration: 1) Use course evaluation data from “big” sections where multiple instructor’s data are aggregated (i.e. foundation courses) or 2) Allowing the assessment committee access to all data for curriculum assessment purposes. He mentioned that Jackie Sing from the Office of Professional Development is a potential consultant for a discussion on the usefulness of direct and indirect methods to help us decide what data we want to focus upon in the evaluation process. There were questions about how the data would be used and the possibility of developing a separate form to be included WITH the course evaluation that was consistent with program objectives. Another suggestion was to use ONLY the scores from the course objectives, and NOT the scores about individual instructor or student participation areas. Irene questioned whether this was just an MSW issue since that is the data that we have been looking at now, but David Westhuis felt it had implications for all the programs since we are planning to do evaluation on all programs. **Barry Cournoyer strongly suggested that any balloting on this issue when it comes up for final consideration should be secret, and there was general agreement on this.** Carol Hostetter moved that the Assessment Committee forward a plan about how Course Evaluation data might be used in program assessment for all programs to the December meeting of the Faculty Senate. The motion passed.

Agenda Item #5 – Lisa McGuire and Pat Howes announced that the Training Partnership with the Indiana Department of Child Services has been approved and will begin in January, 2007. An organizational chart was distributed (and the evaluation component involving Carol Hostetter as the Lead Faculty will be added!) to demonstrate the large scope of this \$6 million contract involving 20+ new positions.

Agenda Item #6 - Irene Queiro-Tajalli gave a report on the university-wide issue around a shift from a “general education” to a specific course model at Indiana University. Irene and others were concerned that there was not enough faculty involvement in these

curricular decisions and that at IUPUI, the Principles of Undergraduate Learning (PULs), that are a nationally recognized model, are being ignored. She and other faculty at IUPUI believe that the curriculum begins with the PULs and that specific curricula should be organized from there, which will cut down the need for additional electives. Marion Wagner and Kathy Byers both commented that this is a political issue and a response to both public and legislative pressure to have more continuity between community college (e.g. Ivy Tech) courses and IU. There was discussion about this from multiple campuses and agreement to continue to monitor this issue.

Agenda Item #8 – Mike Patchner began by acknowledging the grant development at the School, identifying the IV-E Partnership and a new federal grant from the Department of Justice received by Gail Folaron. He then announced that the IU School of Social Work now has a signed affiliation agreement with Moi University in Kenya to develop the first BSW program in the country. Both Chancellor Bantz and the American Ambassador to Kenya participated in the announcement. The partnership with Moi University began in 1987 when the IU Medical School began work in the HIV+ arena. The BSW program will be housed in the College of Psychology and Social Sciences. The effort is being supported by a \$25,000 grant from the Office of International Affairs. Irene Queiro-Tajalli will be providing leadership to this effort and Becky VanVoohrhis has also been involved. There is some existing capacity in and around Moi University itself. There are sabbatical opportunities for our faculty. Mike highlighted our School's commitment to making this happen and the opportunity to make a difference in the world.

Due to time constraints, Issues of Old Business and New Business was tabled for future meetings.

Announcements – Margaret Adamek announced that congratulations were in order for Monique Busch who successfully defended her dissertation. Bob Vernon congratulated Kathy Byers for her mention in the NASW News for her editorial response on poverty in Indiana.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am and a ten minute break was given before the beginning of the School Assembly.