

Minutes of the SLA Faculty Assembly Meeting  
April 20, 2007  
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**Present:** Ardemagni, Ashendel, Barrows, Bersier, Bilodeau, Carlin, Cochrane, M. Coleman, Connor, Craig, Curtis, T. Davis, DeTienne, Donle, Douglas, Ford, Foote-Ardah, Fox, Gibau, Goering, Goldfinger, Grossmann, Harris, G. Hoyt, Hyatt, Jackson, Kryder-Reid, Lindseth, Lovejoy, Marvin, Miller, Morrison, Morton, Murday, Robertson, Sandwina, Sauer, Schneider, I. Sheeler, K. Sheeler, Stahl, Thuesen, Tilley, Towfighi, Upton, Ward, Weeden, White, Wittberg, Wokeck.

1. **Call to Order:** Robert Sutton called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the March 2, 2007, SLA Faculty Assembly were approved.
3. **President's Remarks:** In response to recent carnage at Virginia Tech, the President Sutton introduced Assistant Dean Rick Hansen, who reported on the April 19 meeting on IUPUI's Emergency Plan. There will be a Request for Proposals next week for a system-wide communications system to alert faculty, staff, and students in case of an emergency. Anyone seeing something/someone suspicious should notify the IUPUI police at 4-7911 (or simply dial 911). He showed us the university police website: [www.police.iupui.edu](http://www.police.iupui.edu), where one can click on the Emergency Information button to find information of the location, duration, etc. of both weather and other emergencies. A packet explaining all of this will be sent to the faculty. During a tornado drill, all should go to the basement.  
President Sutton next reminded the faculty that a call for volunteers for appointed committees will be sent out soon, and urged faculty to volunteer.
4. **Dean's Remarks:** Dean White reported that the SLA has completed 6 searches: two for Political Science, one for English, one for Economics, one public scholars in African American Studies and Museum Studies, and one Public Scholar of African American Studies and Undergraduate Research. Other searches are in process, including lecture searches in Spanish and ESL. The status of the School/Department of Journalism is still in flux – Dean Brown is asking President Herbert to reconsider his recommendation that the School of Journalism at IUPUI remain attached to IUB's school. The Campus Campaign raised more money from SLA faculty this year than last year. Dean White thanked Martin Coleman, Leslie Miller, Larry Zimmerman, the committee members in charge of the campaign. Summer renovations will begin after commencement, opening the skybridge from the new student center into Cavanaugh. No classes are scheduled for Cavanaugh this summer, and there will be no air conditioning in some parts of the building. There is no word yet on Faculty salaries for 2007-2008 – it depends on meetings of the Trustees to finalize the budget.

**5. Celebrations:**

a. *Promotion and Tenure Announcements*: Associate Dean Wokeck announced the following faculty had been promoted:

Promoted to Full Professor: Phillip Goff (RELST), John Tilley (PHIL), Thom Upton (ENG)

Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor: Wendy Morrison (ECON)

Promoted to Senior Lecturer: Anita Ashendel (HIST), Kate Duffy (ENGL) Terry Kibbs (ENG) Eric Lindseth (HIST), Brian McDonald (ENGL), and Jim Powell (ENG).

Dean Wokeck expressed special thanks to the Promotion and Tenure Committee: Bill Blomquist, Carol Gardner, Claudia Grossman, Karen Johnson, Steve Russell, Phil Scarpino, Anne Williams, Larry Zimmerman, and Giles Hoyt.

b. *Trustees' Teaching Awards*: Shah Towfighi announced the following awards:

Awards to Full-Time Faculty: Beth Goering (COM), Karen Kovacik (ENG), Jennifer Springer (ENG), David Craig (RELS), Kevin Robbins (HIST), Carrie Foote (SOC).

Awards to lecturers: Robert Beck (GEO0, Luise Morton (PHIL), Eric Lindseth (HIST).

c. *Distinguished Faculty Awards*: Given to resident faculty member Ula Conner, to Lecturer Christian Kraatz, and Associate Faculty member Mary Ann Cohen.

d. *Retirements*: The following faculty were honored upon their retirement: Barbara Jackson (ANTHRO), Helen Schwartz (ENG), Nancy Stahl (ENG0, Jim Hunter (SOC), and Dolores Hoyt (ULIB)

## **6. Report from the IFC and UFC Representatives:**

UFC: Giles Hoyt reported that there will be a resolution to delay acceptance of the Banza Report, on which Present Herbert had based his own report. This has been a source of contention, especially with regard with to the criteria for designating a System School – one set of standards seems to have been applied to the School of Music and another to the School of Journalism. IUPUI faculty are also concerned about the role of the president as CEO on the Bloomington campus – this seems a conflict of interest.

IFC: The Technology Committee is working on a statement concerning faculty involvement in software decisions relating to teaching and research (e.g. Oncourse). Those who design these systems need faculty input before decisions are made. The faculty on this campus are also concerned with the PR of the common symbol for IUB and IUPUI being an athletic symbol from IUB. Giles Hoyt and Marianne Wokeck had moved a resolution that the core IUPUI schools work on a separate symbol for IUPUI.

The President-Designate is scheduled to attend the May meeting of the IFC, so all are encouraged to attend.

## **7. Committee Business:**

a. *Agenda Council*: Election Results. Patricia announced that the following faculty had been elected to committees.

Agenda Council, Member at large: Brian Vargus  
Enhancement Review Committee: Larbi Oukada  
IUPUI Faculty Council Unit Representative: Robert Barrows  
Nominating Committee: Johnny Goldfinger, M.A. Coleman, Robert Rebein  
Promotion and Tenure Committee: John Parrish-Sprowl, Patricia Wittberg, Philip Goff  
Secretary: Owen J. Dwyer

b. *Faculty Affairs Committee*: Dennis Bingham noted that no real business had been brought before the committee this year. They mostly chose the faculty for the various teaching awards.

c. *Graduate Curriculum Committee*: Nancy Robertson commended the chairs and faculty for submitting well-constructed syllabi. She announced that May 4 is the deadline for new courses proposed for the Summer of 2008. She especially thanked Becky Renoullet for everything she did to make the committee's work go so smoothly. This Thank-You was seconded by several other committee chairs.

d. *Resources and Planning*: Gabrielle Bersier reported that this committee met several times and approved searches, discussed Journalism and Labor Studies, and talked about the Cavanaugh building renovation. They are meeting again on April 23.

e. *Teaching and Advising*: Beth Goering reported that the committee's primary work was to determine the award recipients for the Trustees' Teaching Award and to process the Graduating Senior surveys and the Alumni Surveys. Several items that arose late this semester need to be tackled next year.

f. *Technology*: Kimmarré Murday reported that the committee is pushing for more faculty control over course management software, and also for more security. The computers will now automatically sign off if left unattended for a time. Ongoing is the consolidation of all the computer labs in the basement of Cavanaugh after the renovation, and the restructuring of administrative support for technology by task rather than by each separate lab. Her committee welcomes any comments or suggestions. Also ongoing is the development of a Strategic Plan for future investments in technology. When President Sutton asked if the new committee structure was working well, she said that it was.

g. *Library Committee*: Peter Theusen had submitted a printed report to all faculty.

h. *SLA Curriculum and Standards*: Kim Lovejoy also had submitted a printed report to all faculty. Kim Lovejoy and Associate Dean Wokeck also reported that, from now on, any new course taught under one of SLA's existing undergraduate variable-title courses, including any new course taught under such broad headings as "P383, Topics in Philosophy," "A402, Seminar in Afro-American Studies," and "G125, Topics in Communication Studies," requires only the relevant chair's approval, NOT the approval of the undergraduate curriculum committee

**8. Report on Internship Initiative:**

Enrica Ardemagni reported that, since the responsibility for internships had been removed from the Career Center, SLA must design and administer its own program. She, Dean Ward, and Sloane Thompson have been collecting information on internships currently run by the various SLA departments, and what other IUPUI schools are doing. The goal is to develop an internship handbook for SLA students. Also, students and faculty will soon be able to see internship opportunities by contacting the Solutions Center.

**9. Old Business:**

Susanmarie Harrington moved that the minutes express the gratitude of the faculty to Becky Renoullet on behalf of her service to the standing committees and to the SLA Faculty Assembly. Nancy Robertson seconded this motion. All present voted unanimously in favor for this motion.

**10. New Business:**

There was no new business.

**12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.