

Minutes ~ School of Liberal Arts (SLA) Faculty Assembly (FA)

November 9, 2012, 2:00 – 4:00 LE 103

PRESENT: Antón, Ardemagni, Barrows, Beckman, Bein, Bersier, Bertrand, Bingham, Bivin, Bomke, Brant, Buchenot, Carlin, Christensen, Cohen, Coleman, Connor, Craig, Cusack-McVeigh, Davis, De Tienne, Douglas, Eller, Foote, Gertz, Gibau, Goering, Grossman, Jain, Jettpace, D. Johnson, Kissel, Kostroun, Kryder-Reid, Labode, Lyons, Marvin, McDonald, A. Miller, Nützel, Pike, Polites, Robertson, Rossing, Sandwina, Schneider, Schuvaks-Katz, I. Sheeler, K. Sheeler, Shepherd, Shin, Thuesen, Tucker Edmonds, Upton, Wang, Weeden, Whitchurch, R. White, J. S. Wilson, Wininger, Witkowski, Wokeck, Zulaica Hernández.

GUEST: C. Smith.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by FA President Enrica J. Ardemagni. Approval of the minutes (was #2 on the agenda) was tabled until after the address to the FA by Nasser Paydar, Executive Vice-Chancellor (EVC) and Chief Academic Officer.
2. Address to SLA Faculty Assembly by EVC Nasser Paydar: Among the topics he covered were the strategic plan, the need for more attention to graduate programs, the fact that some undergraduate programs are operating in the red, internationalization of IUPUI, enrollment management, and whether research is being supported appropriately at IUPUI. He emphasized that IUPUI is a professional campus with a large number of professional schools, and said he is working on ways to bring a sense of intellectual community to all of the Schools at IUPUI and to reduce the extreme decentralization of the IUPUI campus.
3. Approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2012 meeting: After EVC Paydar's address, President Ardemagni returned to the minutes of the previous meeting. Gail Gráinne Whitchurch (Secretary of the Faculty Assembly) reminded everyone that there are two Powerpoint documents accompanying the September minutes: introductions of new faculty members; Dean's State of the School address. The September 2012 minutes were approved as written.
4. President's remarks: President Ardemagni announced that the Agenda Council (AC) will be reviewing the FA Bylaws <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/facultyassembly/downloads/facultyslabylawsrevised.pdf>, which have not been updated or revised since 2007. She asked that the chair of each SLA committee make this review an agenda item for their next committee meeting, noting that the AC wants to complete this project by the end of AY 2012-2013. She requested that the committees (1) look at the current description in the bylaws of their tasks, (2) update these via "track changes" in a Word document, and (3) send the document to the Agenda Council. [Note from FA Secretary Whitchurch: Please send these documents to President Ardemagni at eardema@iupui.edu with a copy to the FA Secretary at slafasec@iupui.edu.] Committees can also make recommendations about the number of members serving on the committees. President Ardemagni used as an example the Technology Committee, which might be understaffed because of the increase in technology demands and the projected further increase in technology needs because of development of online courses.

5. Old business

- a. Student evaluation forms: Dennis Bingham, chair of the Teaching and Advising Committee (TAC), updated the faculty on the new School of Liberal Arts Student Evaluation of Teaching forms. He re-emphasized that the Fall 2012 form is the same as the old one, even though it is in the new format of the Testing Center because that the entity that will be responsible for scanning and analysis of forms beginning with Fall 2012 semester. After approval, the new forms will be instituted for Spring 2013 semester.

MOTION: I move that we adopt the new IU School of Liberal Arts Student Evaluation of Teaching form, beginning in Spring 2013. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Ardemagni suggested that, in the bylaws revision (item #4 above), the current TAC members might consider adding periodic review of the evaluation of instruction as part of this committee's responsibilities.

- b. Transferable Common Core Curriculum: Beth Goering, chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee, introduced the topic of revision of the SLA Bachelor of Arts curriculum with respect to the statewide Transferable Common Core Curriculum. She then called on Marianne Wokeck (SLA Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) and Thomas J. Davis (an SLA representative to the IUPUI campus-level "Common Core" committee).

Wokeck reported that the final policies about core competencies are at upper levels of approval, so the FA cannot yet taken action that is in accordance with this body's bylaws. Davis reiterated that the core competencies are not yet finalized, adding that the final set of guidelines for learning outcomes is not finalized either. He stated that he is hopeful that these will be completed by the end of this month (November 2012), so he recommends ongoing discussion even though formal action cannot yet be taken.

Wokeck announced that she will inform SLA Chairs and Directors as soon as she receives additional information.

Goering advised that the FA decide on a framework, so this body can take action when the guidelines, etc. do become available. It was decided to table the agenda item "Motion to Endorse Common Transfer" until policies have been finalized at the state-wide level.

Gregory Witkowski, Associate Professor of Philanthropic Studies and Director of Graduate Programs in Philanthropic Studies, stated that as Philanthropic Studies makes the transition from Center in the School of Liberal Arts to the School of Philanthropy, the Philanthropic Studies faculty want to retain as much as possible of the liberal arts philosophy in their curriculum.

Goering made a request: If a department or program is interested in having a course on the list of courses SLA recommends for inclusion in the IUPUI campus-wide Transferable Common Core, please let the Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee know right away.

It was noted from the floor that some core requirements will be fulfilled differently at various Indiana University campuses.

William Schneider, Director of Medical Humanities and Health Studies, asked if the procedure for approval of graduate-level certificates is the same for all certificates. Wokeck replied that it is.

Goering encouraged SLA faculty members to attend the next meeting on the common core curriculum: SLA Discussion Series: "Rethinking 100-, 200-, 300-, and 400-Levels" on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 4:30-5:30pm in CA508.

No other action on the Transferable Common Core Curriculum was taken at this time.

6. New business

- a. Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Translation Studies: Marianne Wokeck, SLA administration liaison to the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC), reported (the committee chair is recuperating from recent surgery). She stated that the GCC supports this certificate program, and reminded everyone that the proposal and accompanying documents are posted in the FA section of the SLA website with the agenda for today's FA meeting. Gabrielle Bersier reminded everyone of the history of this proposal: An M.A. in Translation Studies was originally approved by SLA and the FA in 2010, but it was stopped at the Trustees level. The Department of World Languages and Cultures is now coming back with this scaled-down proposal as a certificate to build student interest to move toward resubmitting the M.A. proposal to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: The SLA Faculty Assembly approves the Graduate Certificate in Translation Studies. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Associate Dean Wokeck gave two reminders.

- (1) CARmin (Course Approval and Remonstrance) is the online system for proposing new courses or revisions to existing courses. She emphasized that faculty members have access to this system, but that administrative support personnel do not. [Note from FA Secretary Whitchurch: The homepage for CARmin is <http://www.iupui.edu/~crsremo/> (retrieved November 11, 2012), and CARmin is also accessible through OneStart.]

(2) All of IUPUI's student-related policies and procedures are in one place on the Registrar's website; Wokeck recommends putting this link on all syllabi. [Note from FA Secretary Whitchurch: This URL is http://registrar.iupui.edu/course_policies.html (retrieved November 11, 2012).]

c. Five-year reviews of two administrators: David Bivin, chair of the FA Resources and Planning Committee, assisted by written notes provided by Philip Goff** reported on the upcoming review of SLA Dean William Blomquist and review of Vice-Chancellor for Research (VCR) Kody Varahramyan. SLA faculty members will soon be receiving surveys that are part of these reviews; Bivin and Goff encouraged everyone to fill out both surveys. They reminded faculty members that the VCR's office has "many responsibilities that pertain to our research--not only in obtaining external funding, but also the internal funding mechanisms that many of us in Liberal Arts have used effectively in moving our projects forward. We encourage you to look over that Office's website to see what initiatives the Vice Chancellor for Research oversees and then to fill out the survey with your thoughts.

**Goff is a member of the review committee, which is both reviewing Varahramyan and, more generally, advising Chancellor Charles Bantz on the importance, structure, and operations of that the Office of the VCR.

d. Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Jonathan Rossing, committee chair, reminded everyone that this annual event will be next week: Wednesday November 14, 11:30-1:30 in CA 508. He encouraged everyone, if they have not already done so, to sign up to bring food and/or help at the event. If anyone prefers to donate money in lieu of food or participation, please contact him personally or at jrossing@iupui.edu .

e. Thomas Marvin reported on documents** he got through Indiana Open Records laws pertaining to Indiana University having engaged Goldman-Sachs to study parking at IUPUI. His research indicates that Goldman-Sachs is being paid \$125,000 plus expenses to develop a plan, and then to evaluate it. If the Goldman-Sachs is accepted and implemented, the firm will get \$3 million plus 1.7% of any revenues generated over \$250 million, "including the present value of future payments should a revenue sharing mechanism be implemented" (quoting the contract). Marvin invited faculty members to sign up for the Progressive Faculty and Staff email list to keep abreast of developments on these issues.

[Note from FA Secretary Whitchurch: After the FA meeting, Marvin provided these documents; they are posted with these minutes in the FA section of the SLA website.]

Discussion:

- (1) Numerous faculty members expressed concerns about Goldman-Sachs and conflict of interest, particularly that apparently Goldman-Sachs has been hired both to develop the plan and then to evaluate that plan.
 - (2) There seemed to be consensus that, at the least, members of the university community need to be told what is going on.
 - (3) Concerns were expressed that the parking review project is part of an overall plan to privatize parts of public universities, thereby shifting costs away from the Indiana University. Marvin referred faculty members to Lumina Foundation's report on privatization university-wide, such as parking, technology, food service, buildings, and instructional services.
 - (4) In response to a question from the floor, Associate Dean Wokeck reported that, based on information from discussion by the University Faculty Council (UFC) about the parking study, there are no guarantees for the jobs of current employees of Parking Services, including student part-time jobs, if parking at Indiana University is privatized.
 - (5) David Bivin stated that the University budgetary committee is aware of these concerns. Bivin (a member of this committee) said he will make sure the SLA faculty is made aware of events pertaining to privatization as they unfold.
 - (6) Wokeck stated that the UFC is keeping a close eye on the privatization of parking and related issues.
7. President Ardemagni asked for any additional new business from the floor. Hearing none, she asked for, and received, a motion to adjourn.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted November 28, 2012.



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