

Minutes of the SLA Faculty Assembly Meeting  
March 2, 2007  
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**Present:** Aponte, Ardemagni, Barrows, Bein, Bilodeau, T. Davis, Carlin, Cochrane, Coleman, Craig, Curtis, DiCamilla, Eller, Ferguson, Goldfinger, Grossmann, Harrington, Hoyt, Johnson, Lindseth, Lovejoy, Marvin, Masters, Murday, Robertson, Schneider, R. Sutton, Thuesen, R. Ward, Weeden, R. White, White-Mills, White-Stanley, Wittberg, Wokeck, Zimmerman

1. **Call to Order:** Robert Sutton called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the January 26, 2007, SLA Faculty Assembly were approved.
3. **President's Remarks:** President Sutton forwarded the memorial resolution on the death of Christian Kloesel to his widow and daughter. The Faculty Assembly's letter on Defending Dissent and Critical Thinking was sent to Ward Churchill and the committee concerned with his defense. This committee would like to use the letter as evidence at his hearing. President Sutton reminded the chairs of the various committees that they are to submit reports on their activities before the April SLA Faculty Assembly. Also, the committee chairs are to send letters to the members of their committees detailing each member's service; the Agenda Council representative to each committee will send a similar letter detailing the chairs' service. For those committees (e.g. Promotion and Tenure) which do not have an Agenda Council representative, committee members shall elect two members to write this letter.
4. **Dean's Remarks:** Dean White noted that President-designate McRobbie specifically mentioned Liberal Arts in his speech yesterday. It was out of his office that the Arts and Humanities grants were organized, so he is sympathetic to Liberal Arts. He was given a tour of the IUPUI School of Liberal Arts while he was here this week, and updated on the various SLA research activities. In his speech yesterday, he also commented that he had had an office on this campus and was here regularly, so he knows us. All of this appears to be good for SLA, but it is up to us to strengthen this tie. Dean White also noted that, beginning with this summer, a President's Tax of 12½ % will be levied on all new revenue, including student tuition and fees. This is projected to raise \$10 million - \$5 million from this campus alone. This is not a one-time levy; it will be ongoing. Dean White expected that the Trustees will allow us to raise tuition slightly higher to make up for this. Presumably, the money will be used to fund various initiatives (e.g. the Arts and Humanities Initiative, whose Lilly funding is due to run out), but it could go to other campuses instead. The University Faculty Council had recommended that the Budget Committee monitor the disbursement of these monies; Present Herbert said that this would be up to President-designate McRobbie to decide.  
Dean White next reported on the creation of a SLA Diversity Council as called for by Vice Chancellor Whitney. Members include representatives from the faculty, staff,

the Student Council, and the Alumni Board. The role of this council will be to develop a Diversity Plan consistent with the SLA Strategic Plan. It will also serve as an advisory council to the Dean, to raise issues and ask questions on the whole broad issue of diversity, including intellectual diversity. At the Campus Faculty Council meeting, there was talk of mandating diversity training. It is not certain whether this will happen or not, but Dean White does not consider this to be an unusual infringement on freedom, since there are already other mandated requirements (e.g. IRBs).

Dean White next reported on the implications of the Campus Reorganization recommended by President Herbert. Music at IUPUI will be split from IUB and attached to a school here – probably Herron. Labor Studies has been unofficially slated to join the School of Social Work. President Herbert wants Journalism to remain under the core campus model, collaborating with the School of Journalism at IUB. So, after all our work, the School of Journalism will not join SLA after all. In 2001, one of the four air handlers that handle air conditioning in Cavanaugh was replaced. At that time, we were informed that the other 3 also needed replacement to be brought up to State Building Code. SLA cannot do the renovation of CA 415/17 or the basement space vacated by the *Sagamore*, even if the money is available, until the air handlers are fixed. This would cost \$500,000, which SLA does not have. The situation was especially grave since we have searches on for 10 new faculty and we do not have 10 offices to put them in. After several emails, the campus has agreed to underwrite the replacement of the remaining 3 air handlers; SLA will not be charged for this. However, what with the anticipated construction and the possible lack of air conditioning, Cavanaugh is likely to be an unpleasant place to work in this summer.

**5. Reports from IUPUI Faculty Council Representatives:**

Giles Hoyt reported that the IUPUI Faculty Council spent time discussing the IU Publicity Project: its “Integrated Image Initiative.” Since it is focused on IUB athletic symbols, the IUPUI FC did not like it and moved that the IUPUI core undergraduate schools work on an “Integrated Image” for this campus. The Faculty Council will take this up next time. There were also a couple of other items: notably updates on the Diversity Council.

**6. Report from the IU Faculty Council Representatives:**

Bill Schneider reported that the UFC meeting spent most time discussing the report of the Dean of General Studies allowing an IU degree after 3 years at a community college. Some interesting documents were distributed, notably a census of the faculty on all campuses with trends over time and between full- and part-time faculty. This is available on the website. It was noted by several members of the Assembly that this is very useful and should be done annually. Marianne Wokeck asked whose office compiled the figures and how accurate they were. She will follow up on this. Another agenda item at the IU Faculty Council was strengthening faculty authors vis`a vis publishers, especially with regard to electronic publication.

**7. Research Advisory Committee:**

The Research Advisory Committee reminded everyone that the summer grants

announcements had been sent out. Some \$45,000 is available.

**8. Nominating Committee:**

Margaret Ferguson reported that some, but not all, of the nominating slots have been filled and asked for additional nominations. So far, the following have agreed to be nominated:

Secretary (1): Liz Monroe, HIST

Member of Enhancement Review: Larbi Oukada WLAC and Bill Gronfein, SOC

Nominating Committee Members (3 needed): Martin Coleman PHIL, Kim Lovejoy ENG, Rob Rebein ENG, Johnny Goldfinger POLS.

Promotion and Tenure (3 needed): John McCormick POLS, Pat Wittberg SOC.

Unit Representative to the IUPUI Faculty Council: Edward Curtis REL

An additional nominee is still needed for Secretary, two nominees for at-large member of the Agenda Council (cannot be from ENG, COMM, or ECON), several more nominees for Promotion and Tenure (cannot be ENG, HIST, WLAC, ECON, or SOC; should be full professors), and one more nominee for Unit Representative to the IUPUI Faculty Council (not from WLAC or ANTH). Faculty are urged to nominate themselves or others in their departments.

**9. Bylaws:**

President Sutton had made editorial changes to bring the various often-amended parts of the bylaws in conformity with each other. Paul Carlin seconded these bylaw changes. The changes were approved unanimously. Patricia Wittberg recommended that President Sutton be commended for his diligence in this task; this was done by acclamation.

**10. Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**11. New Business:**

Nancy Robertson noted that this is Women's History Month and that many interesting activities are planned. Rick Ward urged all faculty to complete the Internship Survey online.

**12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.