

2013 Report of the IUPUI Academic Handbook Committee

The Handbook Committee met once thus far for the current academic year in January, 2013.

As it had been brought to our attention that the RESOLUTION: FACULTY ACCESS TO STUDENT EVALUATIONS had been inadvertently left out of the IUPUI Faculty Guide (i.e. Supplement to the IU Academic Handbook) when it was revised in 2009, Committee Members decided to check that all policies approved by the IFC were indeed in the current operating version of the IUPUI Faculty Guide. This work resulted in the re-insertion of the RESOLUTION: FACULTY ACCESS TO STUDENT EVALUATIONS. The Committee is currently researching one or two other apparent discrepancies to assure all the most recent approved new policies and approved revised versions of existing policies are incorporated. While crosschecking the Faculty Guide with the Policies List, Handbook Committee members also updated links to various documents and other electronic sites.

The Handbook Committee will meet again before mid-June, 2013 either face-to-face or virtually via the Handbook Oncourse site, to incorporate any additional policies or revisions to policies that may have been approved since the January meeting of the Committee. Following this final Handbook Committee meeting of the 2012-13 academic year, the Committee will finalize the version of the Handbook to be archived.

The Committee also agreed on a new Timeline for the Handbook Committee work going forward that is more in sync with the policy-making activities of the IFC. Because most of the updates to the Faculty Guide necessarily take place in the spring semester there is little reason for the Committee to meet in the fall semester. However, the best time to make the Annual Handbook Committee Report to the IFC and faculty at large is early in the fall after the Committee has completed the work of the previous spring which will almost always be after the last regular IFC meeting of the academic year. Therefore, the Handbook Committee will provide a more complete Report of its activities for 2012-2013 in the fall of 2013 and provide the 2013-2014 Report in fall of 2014 and so forth.