

IU School of Social Work
Faculty Senate
February 20, 2004
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Khadija Khaja, Bob Bennett, Beatrice Cork, Eldon Marshall, Marion Wagner, David Westhuis, Sabrina Williamson, Brad Lighty, Barry Cournoyer, Carol Satre, Kathy Lay, Theresa Roberts, Bob Weiler, Deanna McDonald, Ed Fitzgerald, Pam Huggins, Lisa McGuire, Irene Queiro-Tajalli, Sherry Gass, Pat Sullivan, Carol Hostetter, Bob Vernon, Bill Barton, Cathy Pike, Mary Stanley, Hea-Won Kim, Phil Ouellette, Sheila Armstead, Margaret Adamek, Gail Folaron, Becky VanVoorhis, Cindy Farber, Mike Patchner

I. Approval of November 14, 2003 Minutes

Pat Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:00a and asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2003 meeting minutes. Corrections were made to the minutes. Minutes will be electronically submitted before the next meeting for approval.

II. BSW Action Items

Irene provided the following updates within the BSW program:

- BSW Self Study Committee has developed an assessment plan;
- Revised the vision, mission, and goals of the program;
- Classified all the course objectives to be entered in the Curriculum Analyzer
- Experimented with some forms to collect formative information about the way course objectives are met in each course;
- Continued the process of identifying content gaps based on EPAS;
- Had several discussion about ways to operate and implement scholarship of assessment;
- The BSW Committee presented a proposal to change the course descriptions and course objectives of S323 HBSW II and S433 Generalist Social Work Practice III. The revisions were circulated earlier via email and the changes were unanimously approved.

III. John Jones, Assistant Dean Of Students – Appeals and Reviews of Students

John Jones of the Office of the Dean of Students gave a presentation on University Policies on Academic Misconduct. The following handouts were distributed to faculty:

~~Faculty Guide for Responding to Student Academic Misconduct~~
Ten Principles of Academic Integrity

IV. Update on Self Study

The Dean advised that the School has received approval to move forward with the alternative to the self-study for the MSW/BSW programs. The official notice has not yet been received, however he has received congratulatory comments from members of the Commission for the opportunity to do the alternative report. Plans to move forward with preparations have already begun.

V. Other Items

- The Dean introduced Cindy Farber as the School's new Administrative Assistant to the Dean and Office Manager. He advised that she will also work with Beatrice Cork in the Development program.
- The Dean announced that the School, through him and Gail Folaron, is providing leadership on the Commission on Abused & Neglected Children and Their Families. Public Forums are being held throughout the State. He briefly mentioned recent issues related to the Anthony Barrs case and advised faculty that if asked they are to maintain a "0 comment" status.
- Beatrice Cork reminded faculty to attend the Campus Campaign kick-off luncheon & presentation immediately following the faculty senate meeting.
- Barry Cournoyer gave an update on the Curriculum Analyzer. Thanks to all the folks who have contributed to the development and refinement of The Curriculum Analyzer software over the years. Special thanks to Irene Queiro-Tajalli and Sameeh Khamis. We recently decided to change our strategy from selling the software to selling curriculum analysis services. The Dean authorized Dr. Cathy Pike and me to establish an Office of Educational Assessment (OEA). We're going to place a post-it note on Cathy's office. Cathy will focus on the development of various kinds of student learning assessment instruments and I will oversee the marketing and contracting of curriculum analysis services—using, at least initially, one or two work-study students and the Curriculum Analyzer software. The university lawyers are currently working on a template for a contract that we'll use to negotiate with other schools and departments of social work throughout the country. We'll also distribute flyers and have a display at the upcoming APM in Anaheim. I'm also presenting a workshop on Curriculum Analysis at APM. We hope to be in actual business by the end of this semester.

- Bob Vernon and Phil Ouellette gave a brief presentation on the Virtual Agency Simulation project. They described the project to be similar to the “Sims Family / Sims City” style virtual programs. Benefits of the virtual agency would include, but not be limited to the following:
 - Program use by unlimited amount of students;
 - Provide learning experience prior to field instruction;
 - Student can interact with others by playing at a variety of levels (Executive Brd. Director, Case Manager);
 - Experiencing outcomes of assessments positive/negative;

The faculty were asked to maintain confidentiality on the project until its formal announcement. The VAS team plans to meet with the School of Informatics to discuss the project.

Adjournment: Pat Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Barton motioned to adjourn meeting; Gail Folaron seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.