

**ULFO Meeting
October 12, 2004
UL 1126 9:30am**

Present: Karen Janke (Chair), Fran Huehls, Joe Harmon, Jim Baldwin, Polly Boruff-Jones, Mary Stanley, Mary Beth Minick, David Lewis, Ann O'Bryan, Kristi Palmer, Randi Stocker, Stephen Towne (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 9:37am.

The agenda for the meeting was approved with the addition of an item of new business by Joe Harmon.

The minutes of the September 21 meeting were approved.

Academic Integrity. Associate Dean of Students John R. Jones III spoke to the assembled group regarding campus efforts to reinforce academic integrity among students and to combat various forms of cheating. Jones reported on a special committee formed to study the widespread problems of cheating and plagiarism and to formulate a program to address them. A campus survey is planned and will be undertaken soon that will form part of a study to help determine how widespread the problem is at IUPUI. Jones answered several questions from those present.

Critical Announcements.

1)David Lewis announced the beginning of a collaborative effort of University Library and the libraries of the Schools of Law and Medicine to create a publications award for librarians of the three libraries. While still in preliminary planning stages, it is envisioned that monetary awards of \$500 would be given to librarian who are authors of publications with potential to affect library practices. Awards would be given each academic year. A committee yet to be formed consisting of a librarian from each of the three libraries will determine the winners.

2)Mary Stanley encouraged librarians to fill out and return the conflict of interest statement. She also reminded those present that annual reviews will be due in the new calendar year.

3)Karen Janke announced that Randi Stocker would be giving a presentation on ISI databases.

4)A promotion and tenure workshop is scheduled for November 15.

5)A town hall-style meeting on the principles of undergraduate education is scheduled for November 8.

6)Karen Zimmerman is arranging library workshops for the Office for Professional Development Spring semester schedule.

7)A committee is being formed to evaluate the distribution of professional development funds. Volunteers are being sought: 2 ULFO members and 2 ULSG members.

Committee Reports.

Fran Huehls, chair of the Research Leave Committee, suggested that recipients of leave be requested to submit brief reports of their activities during their leaves. It was determined that the instructions for applications for research leave be updated to include the requirement to submit an activity report after the leave. Mary Stanley is to coordinate the effort.

Report on Mission Differentiation. Jim Baldwin, a member of the IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee, reported on the initiative by Indiana University President Adam Herbert to prepare a report on mission differentiation among the various campuses in the IU system. The taskforce appointed to prepare the report consists of Charles Nelms, F. C. Richardson, and Kenneth Gros Louis. Recently the taskforce met with IUPUI deans and faculty leadership to hear feedback and to address questions. Baldwin reported that there is much suspicion about the initiative among IUPUI people who apprehend it to be an effort to rein in IUPUI and to grab some of the research funds that IUPUI has successfully raised. Baldwin suggested that IUPUI is in good shape relative to the other IU system campuses and is well positioned to deal with any findings of the taskforce. David Lewis contributed that the mission differentiation report will be part of a mosaic of reports and initiatives regarding government efficiency and state government funding. Given future fiscal demands on state government, there can be no expectation of additional state government funding of higher education.

Old Business.

There was no old business.

New Business.

Joe Harmon asked for ULFO members' input on the question of limiting the tenure of members of the primary peer review committee. How many consecutive years should one person serve on the committee? Should there be alternate election methods? Faculty present discussed the options and implications of alternative arrangements. Harmon will prepare a report for the next ULFO meeting. The ULFO Bylaws Committee will also address amendments to bylaws regarding this issue.

The next ULFO meeting will be on November 17 in UL 1116 at 9:30am.

The meeting adjourned at 10: 57am.

