

Minutes

Faculty Assembly, School of Liberal Arts

2:00-4:00pm Friday, March 2, 2012 LE105

PRESENT. Faculty: Acevedo, Aponte, Ardemagni, Baker, Bao, Barrows, Bersier, Bingham, Bivin, Blomquist, Brothers, Buchenot, Bute, Carlin, Chakrabarti, Chumbler, Cochrane, Cohen, Coleman, Connor, Craig, Cramer, Davis, De Tienne, Duerksen, Eller, Ferguson, Gibau, Goering, Goff, Goldfarb, Goldsmith, A. Haas, L. Haas, Jettpace, K. Johnson, Labode, Lovejoy, Lulla, Lyons, Morgan, Robertson, Rossing, Sandwina, Scarpino, Schultz, I. Sheeler, K. Sheeler, Shepherd, Smith, Tezanos-Pinto, Thuesen, Tilley, Upton, Van Wyke, Vargas-Vila, Wang, Whitchurch, A. Williams, J. S. Wilson, Wininger, Witkowski, Wittberg, Wokeck.

Staff and other guests: Illg, C. Smith

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm by Subir Chakrabarti after determination that a quorum was present.
2. The minutes were approved as written.
3. President's remarks--Subir Chakrabarti
 - Urged faculty members to begin thinking ahead to the upcoming academic years and consider volunteering for service in the Faculty Assembly (FA). Reminded everyone that within the next couple of weeks there will be a call for volunteers for committees and offices for next year.
 - Reminded FA committee chairs about upcoming deadline to submit their annual committee reports.
4. Dean's remarks: Dean William Blomquist
 - topics: General education; annual faculty-staff campaign (internal to SLA) and upcoming Cupcake Cook-off; general contractor has been selected to do renovations on old bookstore space--Aug is target completion date--will be classroom space and space for Writing Center--scope of project is large, so memos re. will be forthcoming to anticipate noise, dust, detours, and other potential inconveniences
 - Clarification that University Council says it is a requirement that there be a university affiliation with every site where students are placed in a health care or clinical situation. Other placements are governed by procedures from the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL); information from the CTL is forthcoming.

5. Old business

a. Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC)

ACTION ITEM: Proposal for "Graduate Certificate in Philanthropic Studies"; see accompanying proposal and supporting documents, posted on FA website. Kevin Cramer, committee chair, presented the motion.

MOTION: The GCC has reviewed the proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Philanthropic Studies, submitted by the Center on Philanthropy. The rationale for this twelve-hour certificate is that there are professionals who require training in this field who do not wish to pursue an M.A. or Ph.D. Based on this consideration, the Graduate Curriculum Committee submits this resolution to the Faculty Assembly recommending approval of this certificate.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Faculty Affairs Committee

(1) ACTION ITEM: Proposal for "Sabbatical-like Leave for Senior Lecturers in the IU School of Liberal Arts" and memo "Additions to IUPUI Campus Policy on Lecturer Appointments." See accompanying proposal document and memo, posted on FA website. Ben Van Wyke, committee chair, presented the motion.

MOTION: The SLA Faculty Affairs Committee moves that the policy proposed in the document "Additions to IUPUI Campus Policy on Lecturer Appointments" be adopted for the School of Liberal Arts.

DISCUSSION: Upton asked whether e-docs will be processed at the beginning and end of the semester when a faculty member takes a sabbatical leave or sabbatical-like leave. Blomquist and Illg: Yes.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR: When will this policy take effect? Blomquist: The policy takes place immediately and follows university policy, which means that Senior Lecturers can apply beginning in AY 2012-13 for leaves beginning in Fall 2013.

(2) Van Wyke reminded everyone that nominations are now open for faculty awards, and that the Faculty Affairs Committee will be circulating a reminder. Deadline for submissions is March 21, 2012.

c. Teaching and Advising Committee (TAC) ~ update

Dennis Bingham, committee chair, recapped the information in the committee's memo dated February 29, 2012. See the accompanying document "Student Evaluations" on the FA website. He emphasized that the TAC wants feedback on the information in the memo. Please email him at dbingham@iupui.edu.

6. New business

a. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC)

ACTION ITEM: Proposals entitled "Proposed Minor: Latino Studies" and "Certificate in Latino Studies." See accompanying proposals and associated documents, posted on FA website.

Elizabeth Goering, committee chair, presented the motion, emphasizing the widespread support for these proposals, at all levels of the university.

Blomquist: He will ask for resources from the Chancellor's Reallocation Fund to help with staffing these courses.

Gibau asked whether the LATS L350 will be cross-listed. Tezanos-Pinto, Aponte, and Blomquist: Yes.

MOTION: The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee moves that the minor in Latino Studies and the certificate in Latino Studies be approved.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Nominating Committee ~ update

John Tilley, committee chair, listed the offices and elected standing committees with vacancies and took nominations and volunteers from the floor.

President & member of the AC	slate of 1 (tentative) to date; 1 to be elected
AC Members-at-large	slate of 3 to date; 2 to be elected
Nominating committee	slate of 3 to date; 2 to be elected
Faculty Council	slate of 3 to date; 2 to be elected
P&T: Sr. Lecturers	slate of 3 to date; 2 to be elected
P&T: tenured Professors	slate of 4 to date; 4 to be elected

Whitchurch (Secretary of the FA) reminded everyone that (1) the election will be completed before the April FA meeting, and results announced at that meeting; (2) the 2011-12 and 2012-13 ACs will hold a joint meeting in late April, during which they will use the on-line volunteer form (available soon) to staff the FA volunteer standing committees, so do not delay in returning the forms.

c. General Education Task Force ~ update

Margaret Ferguson reported that she, Enrica Ardemagni, and Thomas Davis have been working on this since Fall Break 2011. There is a document that attempts to bring together core competencies among all Indiana post-secondary institutions circulating among the SLA faculty. A copy of this document accompanies these minutes, posted on the FA website.

Ferguson reminded everyone of the Town Hall meeting on March 30, 2012 that was announced by Dean Blomquist. It will be held from 10:00am-12:00noon in the Lilly Auditorium in University Library. She strongly encouraged SLA faculty members to attend.

She emphasized that she requests feedback on the document before March 30th, so she, Davis, and Ardemagni can incorporate the feedback into their presentation at the Town Hall. Send feedback to mferguso@iupui.edu (Ferguson), iock100@iupui.edu (Davis), and eardema@iupui.edu (Ardemagni).

Blomquist emphasized that the School of Liberal Arts will be on the receiving end of the thirty-hour core, and needs to make a strong case for a liberal education. The thirty-hour core will count in the B.A. degree, regardless of the institution where the student took the hours, i.e., the hours will be interchangeable among institutions. SLA can stack on top of those thirty hours the requirements that SLA faculty members think are not adequately represented in the core, but the total number of hours cannot be increased beyond 120.

Ferguson emphasized the importance of SLA taking leadership on these issues, rather than leaving it to legislators.

d. New business from the floor

(1) Gina Sánchez Gibau (Associate Dean for Student Affairs) reported on behalf of Marianne Wokeck (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) about accepting a newly-developed course MATH M15200 as an alternative for M118 and M153, assuming M15200 be offered at IUPUI. See accompanying document, posted on the FA website.

Blomquist reminded everyone that the SLA requirements already state "M118 or higher," i.e., that because the number 152 is higher than the number 118, the MATH M15200 course automatically will count for in the curriculum for a B.A. in Liberal Arts.

Goering (chair of UCC) asked for clarification about what the UCC is being asked to do. Blomquist: Examine whether there is a problem with counting M15200 and, if so, bring the issue back to the FA through the usual channels. If the UCC decides that there is not a problem with counting M15200 in the existing curriculum, then this issue does not need to come back before the FA.

MOTION: The SLA FA commends the Mathematics Department for the creation of MATH M15200 as suitable for Liberal Arts students, and we anticipate advising students of the appearance of M15200 in the Fall 2012 course offerings.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Gibau will communicate this motion to the Department of Mathematics and to the School of Science.

(2) Chakrabarti asked for additional new business. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

8. Motion to adjourn

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted March 9, 2012.



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