

Minutes of the School of Liberal Arts  
Faculty Meeting  
Friday, November 14, 2003

**Present:** Andersen, Anton, Aponte, Barrows, Bein, Bersier, Blomquist, Bomke-Keating, Brant, Brennan, Burke, Carlin, Chakrabarti, Cochrane, Connor, Craig, Cramer, Davis T., DeTienne, DeWester, Dicamilla, Duerksen, Dwyer, Erickson, Fedor, Foote-Ardah, Goff, Goldfinger, Haas A., Jackson W., Johnson, Kryder-Reid, Kubitschek, Long, Lovejoy, McCormick, Mullen, Polderman, Rozycki, Sandwina, Sandy, Sheeler, Souch, Spechler, Sutton, R., Sutton, S., Trotter, Vargus, Ward, White, White-Mills, Wilson, Yonogi.

**Guests: Chancellor Charles Bantz**

**1.** Call to order.

**John McCormick**, President of the Faculty Assembly, called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m.

**2.** Acceptance of the minutes.

The minutes of the 14 November meeting were approved unanimously.

**3.** Chancellor's remarks.

**Chancellor Bantz** outlined his remarks, stating he would address three issues in relation to the campus: context, planning, and future.

Context – he stated that understanding the context helps us frame what we hear. He now has a better sense of what people mean and the priorities. Chancellor Bantz discussed the state's General Assembly meeting noting that, "priorities served as an important contextual background." His understanding is that in Indiana, "generally goals are set and accomplished" There have been significant changes downtown in the last 10 years and at IUPUI in it's 34 years. He reported the General Assembly discussed the recession, gave back cuts, and permitted, for the first time in history, research funding in the middle of a recession. That means commitment to improve this economy. What is the importance to liberal arts? Students we have benefit; economic development based on increase in baccalaureate holders. Indiana is 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in B.A. holders. Chancellor **Bantz** noted three areas in which planning, thinking, and investing must be made: information technologies, life science, and non-profit.

Planning – our campus plan has three foci: teaching and learning, research, service, and community, and civic engagement. In addition, collaboration, diversity, and best practices will cross all three foci.

Future – will be focused on more during the inauguration, but the question posed is, "How can we set specific goals that will meet our plan?" We must believe that we are going to be way better than people thought. We will enforce the measurement of research, service, and community by using the number of peer-reviewed external

grants. In relation to teaching and learning, we set the goal as student completion – beyond student retention. Similarly, in civic engagement, we define the role of the campus in the community.

One example of the way we might meet our goals is to examine various possibilities. For example, various collaborative ventures amongst the schools can be explored. The Kelly School of Business doesn't have space; maybe we can join them? Maybe we could build a building that reflects the Life Science goal, one that would house entrepreneurs, bench scientists, engineering, etc., a multi-school space. "I don't think there is money to remodel this building", but there are other options to be considered. Chancellor **Bantz** ended by saying "we need to be excellent."

One question was posed to Chancellor Bantz regarding the president's comment on mission and research differentiation. **Bantz** responded by saying he senses "the president is attuned to learning about all the campuses, IUPUI as one, but more complicated. The medical school is critical and should be welcomed. Most states have several, we have one care and research center. Other schools are providing 38% of research funds. There is an advantage of being in an urban area; we have access." Chancellor **Bantz** asked that everyone who chose send email to him with comments or questions.

### 3. Dean's remarks.

Acting Dean **White** acknowledged the scholarship of teaching. He announced that there was a document circulating through the meeting which highlighted the scholarship of teaching efforts of the faculty. The report of the scholarship of teaching is available on the liberal arts faculty assembly website. He acknowledged the scholarship of teaching program this afternoon and encouraged all to attend the reception at the close of the assembly.

Acting Dean **White** announced that Bill Schneider would leave the position of Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Programs. A search committee has been formed to begin the process of replacing Bill, after having served five years in the position.

He reported that Christian Kloesel is our representative on the campus Financial Planning Committee. Acting Dean White announced that the proposal submitted by Chancellor Bantz regarding our steps to address the projected shortfall would be sent to Vice Chancellor Bantz by January 15<sup>th</sup>. In the December meeting of the Resources and Planning Committee, chairs, and Dean's staff will all have input into the draft of the report. Hearings for discussing this information will be held in March. The goal is to put the school in position to "plan for the future."

Susan Sutton commented that all units received report/projections and major part of 2-step process – a) What would you keep? b) How can we generate funding- revenue enhancement? Acting Dean **White** responded that we are the only campus conducting this type of planning, which may be the right thing to do. His concern was that, "...the first bodies to receive the requests were academic units. What about non-academic units?" **Martin Spechler** commented that the "assumptions are naive

and I urge you to not take it seriously.” Acting Dean **White** announced the document would be sent out on the listserv.

5. Update on School of Liberal Arts Dean Search.

**Catherine Souch**, Associate Dean Academic Affairs acknowledged faculty on the search committee and thanked all for meeting with the three candidates. She requested and encouraged all to send feedback to the committee members through their chosen medium.

6. President’s remarks.

**John McCormick**, president of the Faculty Assembly had no remarks. He introduced **Owen Dwyer**, who announced the staff appreciation pitch-in was to be held between 12pm-1:30pm. A sign-up sheet for participation was circulated.

7. Committee Business.

Academic Standards and Policies – **Peter Rangazas** spoke to the “proposal to suspend integrators” stating they were a good idea, but it was not happening. There were no integrator courses being offered. He reported “the committee tried to invigorate and gain funds.” The assembly engaged in discussion on the proposal. Support for continuing the integrator courses, concerns from the school of science regarding discontinuing the integrators, concerns over number of students needing courses and number of courses available, merits of the learning environment, funding available, options for modifying existing courses, questions of meeting original intent of integrator courses, and other comments were made.

A friendly amendment was proposed by **Rick Ward** to strike the paragraph, “We propose to suspend the integrator requirement until Fall 2006. We propose that the requirement be removed from our forthcoming bulletin that covers the period 2004-2006.” from the proposal. **Martin Spechler** proposed the issue be sent to curriculum committee for evaluating the probability/feasibility of getting a core of a dozen or so courses. **John McCormick** suggested the assembly vote one of three options: a) accept existing proposal to suspend integrators, b) alternative action (shorter suspension and leave in the bulletin), or c) abandon the integrators. Option B received the most support, and thus was adopted.

Faculty Affairs – discussion of the SLA definition of “satisfactory” service. **John McCormick** asked for the vote on the question of, “Does the faculty want a description of “satisfactory?” The assembly voted unanimously in favor of developing a definition.

Graduate Curriculum Committee – **Bob Barrows** reported that the committee approved the proposal for an M.A. in Political Science, with minor changes. The committee feels the program fills a niche in state and local politics. **Susan Sutton**, reporting on behalf of Resources and Planning, stated the document received support and the committee made a positive recommendation. Discussion of the proposal in

the assembly ensued. The proposal was put to a vote. All members present, with the exception of two members, voted in favor of the proposal.

Library Committee – **Scott Pegg** announced that resources are available. He reported that a couple of departments have redistributed their money across different mediums (e.g. periodicals, books, etc.).

8. Report from Faculty Council and University Faculty Council.

**Rick Ward**, reported that PeopleSoft costs thus far are at 50 million.

He reported the president will appoint an interim Vice President for Academic Affairs.

9. Old Business.

No old business.

10. New Business.

The amendment to the Bylaws offered by **John McCormick**, "Under Article III (The Faculty Assembly), Section 2 (Officers), it is proposed that a new Paragraph g. be added, titled "Temporary Replacement of Officers", and worded thus:

In the event that an officer of the Agenda Council must be temporarily replaced (because he/she is on leave, is on sabbatical, or would otherwise be unable to carry out his/her duties for up to one semester), the Agenda Council may make a temporary appointment without resort to an election. The name of the temporary appointee must be announced at the next scheduled Faculty Assembly.

The amendment was unanimously approved by the faculty assembly.

11. Adjournment.

The assembly was adjourned at 3:53. All were invited to attend the reception immediately following in recognition of the scholarship of teaching.