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| April 20, Minutes Approved via E-mail EC#25 |  | Indiana State University Faculty Senate 2003-04  Executive Committee 2003-04 |

Time: 4:15 p.m.

Place: Hulman Memorial Student Union 227

Present: Chair H. Hudson, Vice Chair S. Lamb, Secretary Sr. A. “Samy” Anderson

S. Davis, J. Harper, N. Lawrence, V. Sheets, J. Tenerelli

Ex-Officio: Provost Maynard

Visitor: N. Hopkins

I. Approved Minutes of the April 6, 2004 meeting as corrected. (Harper, Lawrence 6-0-1)

Approved Minutes of the April 13, 2004 meeting as amended. (Harper, Sheets 6-0-1)

II. Administrative Report

Provost Maynard reported:

1) This Wednesday is the Retirement Tea for faculty and staff;

2) The monthly meeting of the State Finance Committee is planned for April 28 on campus;

3) Honors Day celebrations are planned by the academic units during the next two weeks.

The President could not attend today’s meeting. He was at the State Ways and Means Committee meeting being held on campus.

III. Chair Report

Chair Hudson:

1) Announced meeting days and times for Senate committees to meet with the Provost candidates during on campus interviews next week;

2) Noted today’s meeting with the President. The Committee will be forwarded a copy of the memorandum regarding a faculty trustee given to the President;

3) Reported she had attended the FAC meeting last week to discuss Experiential Learning. The Experiential Learning Committee’s report is available on the OSPIRE web site. It is hoped that faculty government will have opportunity for review of the Strategic Planning final initiatives before Board consideration;

4) Discussed the April Senate agenda;

5) Thanked the Committee for its work this academic year—“…worked effectively together to keep faculty government strong.”

IV. Old Business

AAC: Satisfaction Survey Draft

Remove from the table and accept with these guidelines for action: 1) Receive national survey information from the Provost; 2) Request IRB to identify a sub-set to give the Executive Committee feedback; 3) After receipt of these responses, post the Survey draft on the Senate web site for faculty feedback to the AAC. (Harper, Sheets, Davis 7-0-1)

The AAC requests the Executive Committee solicit comments from appropriate constituencies. The AAC will consider comments/suggestions in Fall 2004, prior to the scheduled administration of the Survey.

Discussion and courses of action considered: review the AAC Survey draft along with valid national survey instruments provided by the Provost, incorporate a set of these questions, protect internal comparativeness, achieve greater credibility; engage internal survey design experts in survey construction; timeline for general faculty review; incorporation of EAP would skew information, administrators with rank are included.

V. New Business

SAC: Student Grievance Procedures

Motion to formulate a sub-committee charged to draft a University academic grievance policy. This modified SAC document would be forwarded to the sub-committee.

(Harper, Anderson 7-0-1)

Discussion: SGA role in academic unit policies and procedures; academic unit Student Grievance Committee composition; role of Student Ombudsperson; remove SAC charges relevant to the document; need for University Student Grievance Procedures development before academic unit policies; change of grade authority.

SAC: Faculty Scholarship

Endorse as modified. (Harper, Sheets 6-1-1)

Discussion: inclusion of high school students in targeted population—retained sophomore status; administration subcommittee composition not to include student representation; application requirement of 600 word essay; omit application awaiting uniform University scholarship application form.

URC: Application Deadlines

“The first round of URC applications will have a deadline of the first Monday of October. Any application requesting a summer stipend must meet this deadline. A second round of evaluations will have a deadline of the first Monday of February."

Endorsed. (Davis, Harper 7-0-1)

Rationale: early receipt of summer applications.

FEBC: Same Sex Domestic Partner Benefits

Recommendation: Indiana State University adopt coverage of benefits for same sex domestic partners.

Noted. (Davis, Tenerelli 6-1-1)

VI. Fifteen Minutes Open Discussion

J. Harper read into the record:

“It is with pride that I conclude my two terms on the Executive Committee. During the past two years, we’ve seen deep division between our faculty and administration be documented for history through the Faculty Senate’s Resolution on confidence, a sudden retirement of the Faculty Chair, and a sudden resignation of a Provost. Yet, I have also seen, in more recent times, a renewed sense of cooperation amongst the entire University community. The number of positive initiatives currently underway reinforces my strong belief that Indiana State University’s best days are in front of us.

It seems to me that many of the issues we have identified together—compensation, identity, communication, and student welfare among others—are being seriously and thoughtfully addressed.

I leave my post now, seriously awed by the level of effort and dedication that I have seen from each of you here, and others. I have learned a great deal. Each of you has been my teacher and for that I am grateful. If there is one particularly valuable lesson that I have learned, it would be that whether the will of the majority is always right, it is always the will of the majority.

I have had an experience that every faculty member should have. I will continue to encourage my colleagues, particularly young faculty, to be involved with governance. I hope and believe that you will treat the next generation in faculty governance as well as you have me.

Thank you all.”

N. Lawrence noted the conclusion of her tenure of service on the Senate and Executive Committee expressing gratitude for the opportunity.

A concern was voiced that ISU pairs affirmative action with diversity. Recent all-day seminars by Dr. Michael R. Stevenson, director of the Diversity Policy Institute, Ball State University, were presented on campus. Dr. Stevenson observed that diversity, curriculum and programming need to be autonomous to be most effective.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

No reports given.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.