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Time: 3:15 p.m.

Place: Hulman Memorial Student Union 227

Present: Chairperson S. Lamb, Vice Chair V. Sheets, Secretary Sr. A. Anderson

V. Anderson, B. Evans, B. Frank, C. Hoffman, J. Hughes, S. Shure

Ex-Officio: President Benjamin

I. Administrative Report

President Benjamin noted:

1) Presentations this week by John Gardner, the National Policy Center on the First-Year Experience liaison to ISU—these presentations will help focus on-going campus conversations;

2) PPARC will meet tomorrow;

3) An internal energy study spearheaded by Jim Jensen; targeted opportunities for energy savings.

II. Chair Report

Chair Lamb:

“I continue to encourage the administration, the Provost, and the Dean of Arts & Sciences to schedule a meeting with the Life Sciences’ faculty and interim chair Swapan Ghosh, to see if there could not be accommodation of their concerns. This statement is again designed to do that. That is owed to the department.

I have a sense that enrollments are not where we would like them to be. But I have no figures. I would appreciate the Provost giving us comparative figures at the next Executive Committee meeting. Are we making progress?

Under Old Business, I would like to present the FEBC recommendation concerning fee waivers for spouses or same sex domestic partners approved by the Faculty Senate, and attempt to move it forward.

Also, under Old Business, I would like to ask about the state of the charge to FAC, asking them to review a proposal brought to them via Dr. English concerning an Award for Civic and Community Leadership. It appears as if that Award process has already been instituted.

Under new business, I would like to give the Executive Committee members a draft copy of the process that the Program Prioritization Committee is debating.”

III. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion

1) Retention issues were discussed: not meeting the needs of all students; difficulties with large classes; institutional philosophy for freshmen year; application of Univ 101.

2) Marketing schedule cost effectiveness—is it monitored?

3) Timeline for contacting interested students attending College Night—is it effective?

4) Lack of consistency within all ISU web pages was noted. Observations were made regarding difficulties navigating various ISU departmental web sites; students have trouble accessing the registration form and current catalog; the admission application is not easily identified.

5) Noted article in the November 28, 2005 issue of the *Tribune Star,* “Indiana aims to become Life Sciences business hub”; current status of Life Sciences department will prohibit ISU from participation in this focus by the State.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the November 15, 2005 meeting were approved. (V. Anderson, Shure 8-0-1)

V. Old Business

1) The FEBC recommendation approved by the UFS on 12/16/04 regarding fee waivers was discussed by the Senate officers in Monday’s meeting with the Provost:

“Faculty and spouses or same sex domestic partners receive the same tuition benefit. This benefit shall be equal to 15-semester hours per annum at the reduced rate.”

Provost Maynard had encouraged further discussion.

2) Chair Lamb will seek clarification from the Provost on the proposed Faculty Award for Civic and Community Leadership and its distinction from the President’s Award for Civic and Community Leadership.

3) The Evaluation of Teaching document approved by the Faculty Senate on February 22, 2001 does not require administration of Student Instructional Reports; evaluation of teaching policies and procedures are determined by each department.

VI. New Business

Chair Lamb distributed for information only a draft copy of the process that the Program Prioritization Committee is debating, “Outline of the Prioritization Task Force Report.”

VII. Executive Session

Motion to move into executive session. (A. Anderson, Hoffman 9-0-0)

Motion to move out of executive session. (Sheets, Hoffman 9-0-0)

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee liaisons provided updates on respective standing committee activity.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.