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| September 7, Minutes Approved September 14 EC#3 |  | Indiana State University Faculty Senate  Executive Committee 2004-05 |

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Place: Hulman Memorial Student Union 227

Present: Chairperson H. Hudson, Vice Chair S. Lamb, Secretary Sr. A. Anderson

P. Burkett, B. Evans, B. Frank, C. MacDonald, V. Sheets, J. Tenerelli

Ex-Officio: J. Maynard

Visitors: C. Barton, P. Mikolaj, M. Schafer, M. Zhou

I. Administrative Report

Provost Maynard:

1) provided the most recent enrollment data: 11,200 students enrolled this fall, decrease of 160 students or 1.4%.

2) updated the Committee on VU and USI’s plans to expand their degree programs to include baccalaureate programs; possible measures for counteraction were discussed.

II. Chair Report

Chairperson Hudson:

1) the officers met with the Provost this morning to discuss general issues on the agenda.

2) the officers and V. Sheets had met last week to continue recommended revisions to the AAC Satisfaction Survey draft.

III. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion

1) Difficulties with electronic media were expressed--sluggishness of internet and mail access: voice mail slowness, “self-access” of documents, lists, posting of grades, etc. has become inefficient.

2) Insufficient number of books ordered by book store--not fulfilling submitted book order request.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of August 24, 2004, were approved. (Frank, Evans 7-0-2)

V. Old Business

CAAC Recommendation: Mechanical Design Technology Program

M. Schafer and M. Zhou were invited to the table by acclamation.

Motion to remove item from the table. (Tenerelli, Frank 8-0-1)

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the program’s accrediting process: assured students will continue to be enrolled in accredited program; accreditation status during change from one accrediting body to another; ability to meet new standards. Question was called.

Approved. (Sheets, Tenerelli 8-0-1)

VI. FEBC Recommendations

1) Office of Staff Benefits, based on the results of the FEBC Survey of Health Benefit Options, conduct a cost analysis on extending benefits coverage for opposite sex domestic partners.   
2) Indiana State University adopt a plan of Flexible Spending Accounts as part of the health benefits program.

3) Indiana State University include Dependent Care Spending Accounts as part of the health benefits program.

C. Barton and P. Mikolaj were invited to the table by acclamation.

Background: In consideration of ways to enhance the benefits program, the FEBC conducted an all-encompassing employee survey last spring. After review of the survey results, the FEBC concluded the University would have limited ability to offer the above voluntary spending accounts.

Accepted. (Frank, Evans 8-0-1)

VII. FAC: Report on Faculty Travel

Accepted. (Anderson, MacDonald 8-0-1)

Consensus: there exists a need for greater clarity to be provided to the University community regarding travel policies.

VIII. Information Item: Academic Deans Evaluation Committee Report

Noted: evaluations for the Colleges of Nursing and Technology deans scheduled for this academic year will proceed as planned as the administration considers facets of the report.

IX. New Business

Approved: 1) nominations slate to be forwarded to the President for forming committee to evaluate our Employee Benefit Program; 2) two at-large faculty representatives to serve on the ITAC. (Evans, MacDonald 8-0-1)

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.