

Approved (January 14, 2010)

Student Affairs Committee #4

Indiana State University
Faculty Senate
Student Affairs Committee
Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009

Members: **Jim Buffington, Bassou El-Mansour, Christopher Fischer, Stan Henderson, Charles Hoffman (ex officio), Patrice Jones, Kevin Bolinger**

Student members Present: Derek Lex, Nelson Gibson,

Ex officio reps: Admissions, Financial Aid, Faculty Senate Liaison, HMSU, Registrar, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Services, Student Activities and Organizations

Jim Buffington called the meeting to order at 2:32 on Thursday, December 3, 2009, in COB 11th floor Board Room.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

III. Approval of the Minutes of November 12

Approval: Moved Henderson, seconded Bassou.
6-0-0

IV. Review of Ongoing Charges for 2009-2010

A. Faculty rep at SGA meetings—Jim Buffington

Buffington reported that the SGA finished a successful semester of work.

B. Instructor withdrawal of students early in semester—Stan Henderson

Henderson restated the charge for the committee. A discussion followed about some of the potential problems that could follow (financial aid, health insurance) Several members expressed concern about fairness, on one hand to other students (opening up essentially vacant slots) and to the students themselves (fairly informing them that they will be dropped). Several people raised the problem of creating a policy that would be clearly understood and advertised to students, and consistently followed by the faculty. Several people noted the positive side of such a policy. Students would be free of poor grades down the line and would have a lower debt burden. It was suggested that other schools' policies could also be explored.

Bollinger moved for an automatic drop date to be established for early non-attendance. El-Mansour seconded the motion. A discussion followed which reiterating many of the concerns above. After a ranging discussion, the motion was tabled for later consideration.

C. Investigate change in international student enrollment—Stan Henderson

This charge is on going. There is no new information.

D. Review problems with medical withdrawal procedure and propose solution—Patrice Jones

This charge is on-going. The registrar's representative noted that the registrar feels that it would be proper to have a clearly stated policy in the faculty and student handbooks. Moreover, it was suggested that students could be informed of the issues of medical withdrawal and its implications/procedures at the time of their withdrawal.

E. Examine the wisdom of the Fall 2008 practice of granting widespread waivers of dismissal policy to first-year students who earned a 1.0 GPA or less—Jim Hughes Completed.

F. Administer the Faculty Scholarship—Bassou El Mansour (Chair), Stan Henderson, Chris Fischer

The committee is working on the letter to be sent out to the students and procedures for evaluating student applicants. Henderson has also contacted the Registrar about obtaining a list of eligible students next semester.

G. The treatment of students who have been academically dismissed from ISU, but have been readmitted after achieving success at another academic institution. Consider whether the existing ISU academic policy adequately rewards the students' recent success or does it unnecessarily concern itself with previous failures. Make recommendations—Jim Hughes

The registrar's representative noted that the five year waiting period was typical at other Indiana universities. The charge was tabled for future discussion.

H. Consider whether the criteria for the Hines award might be reconfigured to allow for students who transfer in a small numbers of hours and/or whether additional changes in criteria are appropriate—Jim Buffington

Buffington provided committee with updated information on charge from the Academic Affairs rep. JB does not see 124 hrs as part of basic award. The Registrar rep noted that 62 hours are necessary to be taken at ISU for graduation honors. Several members raised issues. What about the large number of transfer students or transfer credits? Should they be excluded? Would 62 credit hours be sufficient, or would it generate too many awards? Provost wants direction on how to include to transfer in a few hours, or part of year's worth. It was noted that all who meet criteria receive award, with recipients being named at both fall and spring graduations.

After a lengthy discussion about the fairness of including various levels of transfer credit, a suggestion was made that a student earn at least 94 credit hours at ISU to be deemed eligible for the Hines award.

Kevin Bollinger moved, with Patrice Jones as a second, that

"A student must have completed 94 residency credit hours at ISU in order to be included for consideration of the Hines award."

The committee approved the vote 5-0-1.

In addition, Bollinger moved that the individual colleges call attention to the Hines winners at the their individual awards banquet; it was the general consensus of the committee that the Hines already received sufficient attention at graduation ceremonies. Henderson seconded the motion, and it was approved 6-0-0.

V. Reports

- A. Chairperson
- B. Administrative Representatives
- C. Student Representatives

VI. Old Business—Report from SAC's NCA Representative—Kevin Bolinger

KB already met. Not much to report. Some small changes to NCA report. Bollinger will copy the report to Buffington.

VII. New Business — Illinois fee waiver for student transfers with less than 45 hours at another institution—Kevin Bolinger

Bollinger explained that students from Marshall go to other Indiana universities, but cannot get special rate for Illinois students if they transfer too soon and risk failure at their current institutions. unless stay at current institutions. Admissions noted tuition scholarship not just for nearby counties, but all IL counties. ISU's goal is to get the students here as freshmen. The admissions officer also explained some of the financial and legal considerations behind this policy included a finite amount of financial support to be used for Illinois students. Several members consider need for keeping within financial needs. While some members of the committee argued against too many limits on Illinois students, the representative of the admissions office argued that ISU should not be perceived as a back up institution. Moreover, the state would only allow a certain percentage of IL students before there were funding implications for ISU. The discussion was tabled for future consideration.

VIII. Time and date for first meeting spring 2010 **January 14, 2010 for first meeting.**

VIII. Adjournment at 3:45 pm