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**Indiana State University
Faculty Senate
Student Affairs Committee**

10/21/2010

College of Business, 11th Floor Board Room

Present: Cheryl Blevens, James Buffington, Charles Hoffman, Jim Hughes, Valentine Muyumba, Robyn Osborne, Mehran Shahhosseini,

Student representatives: Derek Lex, Raeanne Florek.

Ex-Officios: Kim Donat, Rex Kendall, Jennifer Schriver, Rich Toomey, David Wright

Guests: Cory Campbell, Tonya Collier, Jacques Fuqua

I. Call to Order

J. Buffington called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Attending guests were introduced.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes (SAC 10/11-01, 9/30/2010) V. Muyumba/K. Donat; 6-0-0.

IV. Report Progress on Charges for 2010-2011

- A. Faculty representative to SGA meetings: R. Osborn. Osborn reported she'd attended the first SGA meeting and had lunched with Nolen Davis and Adam Novotney. Answering Davis's request, a summary of all committee activity relevant to the students will be sent to him. Buffington spoke of a personal charge of assuring that student representatives are kept informed of all committee happenings.
- B. Faculty Scholarship Administration—Bassou El-Mansour, M. Shahhosseini, R. Osborn. Osborn distributed the draft of an in-progress faculty scholarship solicitation letter. Members are asked to forward comments to the taskforce. Buffington will solicit quotes from past recipients which will hopefully add meaning and result in increased donations. When finalized, C. Hoffman will take the letter to Steve Lamb for his signature. Personal copies will be distributed; contributors will receive letters of appreciation.
- C. Tracking International Student Enrollment. J. Buffington. J. Buffington drew the committee's attention to a Fall, 2010 demographic report he'd sent them, issued by the Office of International Programs and Services. He welcomed Jacques Fuqua and expressed the committee's appreciation of his attendance at today's meeting. In summary, international student enrollments are the highest since Fall, 1996, showing a 13.5% increase between Fall, 2009 and Fall, 2010 alone. **SAC Recommendation:** SAC commends Jacques Fuqua and the Office of International Programs and Services for their efforts in reversing the trend of declining enrollments and beginning a much more positive trend. SAC also recognizes the contributions of the OIPS advisory committee and other administrators, faculty, and staff whose efforts have resulted in the positive trend. **Move acceptance of recommendation: V. Muyumba/J. Shriver, 6-0-0.**
- D. "Change of Grade" form accessibility—J. Hughes and April Hay. The task force will meet soon; no report at this time.
- E. Feasibility of implementing a single bracketed fee structure for summer school tuition and fee requirements--April Hay, Raeanne Florek, Kim Donat, Valentine Muyumba. A meeting has been scheduled for next week; no report at this time.
- F. Review revised handbook to insure that changes are appropriate and to suggest appropriate changes in the committees' domain of responsibility—Robyn Osborn, Jim Buffington. C. Hoffman

indicated that this charge was sent to all units due to revision of the handbook. The task force will meet soon; no report at this time.

- G. Investigate the differences in GPA before and after implementation of the new plus/minus policy—Jim Buffington, April Hay. Summary: it appears that the change to a plus/minus grading system has had, in most cases a noticeable effect in reversing the trend of grade inflation. Using fall 1997 through spring of 2009 as base data for simple linear regression shows that in most cases, the actual grades for fall 2009 and spring 2010 were noticeably less than projected.

Undergraduate*			Graduate		
Term	Actual GPA	Projected GPA	Term	Actual GPA	Projected GPA
Fall 2009	2.79	2.89	Fall 2009	3.59	3.59
Spring 2010	2.88	2.97	Spring 2010	3.57	3.63

*Undergraduate GPAs include only those undergraduates who are pursuing their first degree. Approximately one percent of ISU students are pursuing a second or third degree.

SAC will further analyze the data before making a recommendation.

- V. Reports
 - A. Chairperson
No report.
 - B. Administrative Representatives
No report.
 - C. Student Representatives
No report
- VI. Old Business
No report.
- VII. New Business
Charge: to provide input on the content and administration of the academic advising survey form and the student advising survey form—Jennifer Schriver. **Agenda item postponed until November 18, 2010 meeting.**
- VIII. Next meeting (SAC 10/11-03)
November 18, 2010, 1 p.m., 11th Floor Board Room in the College Of Business.
- I. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Cheryl Blevens
Secretary