Approved SAC #1

Indiana State University

Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee

September 4, 2015

3:30 p.m., Cunningham Library, Room 028

Present: Committee Members: Alina Waite, Azizi Arrington-Bey, Cheryl Blevens, Ed Gallatin, Faith Hudnall, Jeanne Sowers, and Darlene Hantzis. Ex-Officios: Craig Enyeart, and Josh Powers. Guests: Tyler Roberson.

1. Call to Order.

Cheryl Blevens, convener, called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

There being no changes to the agenda, it was adopted as distributed.

1. Introduction of Attendees.

Attendees introduced themselves.

1. Approval of minutes (SAC 14/15-8, April 6, 2015)

There being no changes to the minutes**, move approval as distributed: Enyeart/Sowers. 6-0-0. Passed.**

1. Committee Assignments for Faculty Senate charges

Upon reviewing the charges committee members volunteered to work on specific charges. The Chair will distribute an email, requesting that the committee members who weren’t here to volunteer, pick charges upon which to work until all charges have committee members assigned to them. (People who are listed under individual charges have volunteered for that charge.)

1. Review recommendations from the Advising Taskforce
	* + Registrar’s Office (April Hay or Angie MacLaren)
		+ Assc VP Academic Affairs (Josh Powers)
		+ Jeanne Sowers
2. Work with FAC and student judicial regarding policy/procedures for removing a student from a course.

At the recommendation of Craig Enyeart, this charge’s wording will be changed from “student judicial” to “student conduct.”

* Registrar’s Office (April Hay or Angie MacLaren)
* Asst Dean, Student Conduct & Integrity (Craig Enyeart)
* Alina Waite
1. Identify a faculty member to serve as representative to SGA Senate meetings. (permanent charge)

Ed Gallatin will serve as SAC’s representative to SGA.

4.      Monitor international student enrollment.

* Registrar’s Office

5.      Continue to monitor student quality measures that go beyond HSGPA, consider making recommendations regarding adjustments to admission and/or retention standards.

* Registrar’s Office (April Hay or Angie MacLaren)
* Assc VP Academic Affairs (Josh Powers)

6.      Monitor scholarship GPA maintenance standards. Specifically, what are the standards for maintaining scholarships for out-of-state students receiving 125% tuition limits? Are these standards appropriate and/or are they harming Illinois-student retention in particular.

7.      Administer the Faculty Scholarship.  [permanent charge]

* John Liu

8.      Produce and submit an annual report by April 27, 2016.

* Chairperson Cheryl Blevens
1. Election of Officers
	1. Chair:
* Nominate **Cheryl Blevens to serve as Chair: Arrington-Bey/Waite.** **6-0-0. Passed.**
	1. Vice-Chair:
* Nominate **Azizi Arrington-Bey to serve as Vice Chair: Waite/Enyeart. 6-0-0. Passed.**
	1. Secretary:
* Nominate **Alina Waite to serve as Secretary: Sowers/Arrington-Bey. 5-0-1. Passed.**

On behalf of SAC, Ms Blevens congratulated the newly elected officers:

Chair: Cheryl Blevens

Vice Chair Azizi Arrington-Bey

Secretary: Alina Waite

1. Setting date/time/place for next meeting.

Committee members gave the chair a copy of their class schedules. Using committee members’ class schedules as a guide, the chair will draft a list of possible monthly meeting days/times for committee distribution. Should extra meetings be necessary, electronic means or “last resort” emergency meeting(s) will be used.

1. Announcements
	1. Faculty Senate Liaison, Dr. Darlene Hantzis.
* SAC has an assigned group space on the Faculty Senate Blackboard site. There’s a place for private work and one on which to conduct public business. Check under “My Groups” where committee members will be enrolled as students, in order to allow access. SAC’s elected officers will be given write authority by Shelby McConnaughey.
* SAC will likely be given another charge having to do with degree-simplification for students.
* Fac Senate will investigate a centralized process for degree mapping, instead of relying on the current “according to the department” process.
	1. Assc VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Josh Powers
* Dr. Powers introduced his student assistant, Tyler Roberson. Copies of Dr. Powers’ August 19, 2015, report, dated August 19, 2015, “Why Undergraduate Students Leave Indiana State University” were distributed. (Separate document, PDF format, included with these minutes.) Dr. Powers made the following points:
	+ 4 year completion rate is at its highest since the early 1990’s, from 20% to approximately 24%. The six year rate hovers around 40%.
	+ The Board of Trustees has given priority to the raising of the completion rate. They also expressed concern regarding career-readiness issues.
	+ Increased enrollments give the University flexibility for distributing financial aid. Bridging the gap between needs and resources is an ongoing institutional concern.
1. Adjournment

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm.

Recorded by Cheryl Blevens

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