Faculty Organization Minutes  
March 27, 2015  
1:00-3:00  
Hawthorn Hall 107

1. Call to Order – 1:01pm
3. President’s Report  
   a. National Survey for Student Engagement – encourage your students to take this when they receive it in their email. Participation is low right now, especially in freshmen. Currently we are experiencing only 12% response rate, which is far behind other campuses. This information is very valuable and we need to take this seriously. The survey began on Feb 23 and will be open until May 31. The invitation to the survey is student-specific and arrives in their email.
   b. Candidates need for Faculty Org offices.
   c. EVCAA Search is still ongoing.
   d. Chancellor’s review will be moving forward. 12 faculty nominees are needed from whom six will be select for the review committee.
4. Chancellor’s Report  
   a. Congratulations to the many faculty award winners this spring. New congratulations to Sabir Bandyopadhyay has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Program grant. And belated congratulations to the team that was awarded the National Science Foundation grant.
   b. There is a draft of the IU Northwest 5-year plan is available. Comments are welcome. The plan is largely the Chancellor’s vision in priorities and format. The objectives included are “campus level” and are meant to be implemented as they apply in each department. The document is currently in the hands of the IU Northwest Council, but will be distributed widely for input.
5. Vice Chancellors’ Reports – not present.
   a. The committee has been working very hard. Video interviews are taking place this week. Goal is to have candidates on campus in Arpil.
7. Alexis Montevergen ,VC for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management  
   a. Dates for Orientation for transfer students and summer students are upcoming. This year, students will be encouraged to get connected to an adviser and register asap, rather than waiting until orientation. There will also be a new focus on creating community. They would like all offices open and at least one faculty member available from each area to assist students.
8. UFC Representative – Jonathyne Briggs  
   a. Changes proposed to Trustees teaching award have passed. (Winner will not be eligible for two years, stipulation that a single Trustees teaching award does not in itself imply teaching excellence)
   b. New Sexual Misconduct Policy – a long discussion about the legality of the policy. In the end the UFC voted to endorse the new policy.
   c. FAR system will be replace asap. We are moving to a third party system that will theoretically allow for easier entry and data management.
   d. Nepotism Policy will be introduced in the IU system. More information tba.
   e. Amendment to bi-laws to allow three co-chairs of the UFC has passed unanimously.
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.