Faculty Organization Minutes  
February 21, 2014  
1:00-3:00  
Hawthorn Hall 107

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2014 - a motion was made to approve the minutes and they were passed unanimously.

3. President’s Report  
   a. Congratulation IU Presidents award for excellence in teaching – Jon Becker  
   b. IU Regional Faculty Caucus – HDR 6 will be delayed until 2016. The sentence focused on civil unions has been removed.  
      i. Senate bill 98 – John Applegate indicates that this may be dead or at least stalled.  
      ii. Summer pay policy changes – VP Applegate doesn’t see anything new  
      iii. Ground Rules are being established for collaborating on joint online degree programs.  
      iv. Degree maps by March 1 from all regional campuses.  
      v. RFC may request that the UFC have a third co-chair from regional campuses.  
   c. Campus Budget Committee has begun meeting this week. An additional representative from the Faculty Organization will be involved. Thanks to the Chancellor for this move toward further transparency.

4. Chancellor’s Report  
   a. Bachelor of Applied Science Joint Online Degree Program  
      i. Chancellor Lowe has experience with this degree from his time in Minnesota.  
      ii. BAS does not exist until now on any regional campus. Degree is meant to be a compliment to an Associate of Applied Science degree. AAS degrees are available in a wide variety of disciplines including Nursing, Information Systems, Criminal Justice, etc. A BAS is meant to give an option for completion of a Bachelor’s Degree to those who hold an AAS.  
      iii. A BAS student must complete standard Gen Ed requirements. Any AAS classes that transfer, count toward these requirements.  
      iv. There is little difference between an incoming AAS student and a student with a lot of transfer credit. Possibly the courses transferred by an AAS student are more coherent as a unit.  
      v. We have the option of offering these BAS classes on campus, and we can adapt to offer concentrations that we see fit.  
      vi. Often the courses necessary for this program are already being offered on campus.  
      vii. COAS would be impacted mostly in the area of general education. Social sciences and business administration are options for concentrations we may want to pursue among others.  
      viii. Being able to attract students who have completed an AAS degree is a terrific advantage.
b. The political environment continues to change at a rapid pace. Indiana seems pretty stable relative to other states. Education is on the political agenda around the country, even at the federal level. Incentives and penalties being proposed are difficult to differentiate. It's important that we take seriously the threat of these changes. We must restructure and adapt to survive.

5. Common Calendar – Professor Bob Mucci, Chair, Calendar Committee
   a. The Trustees have mandated the move to a common calendar for all IU campuses. This change affects us in several major ways:
      i. This fall it will eliminate the week between Summer II and fall. It will be very difficult to adjust the 2014 summer calendar at this time.
      ii. The fall semester will now be 16 weeks. The Calendar committee proposes to deal with this by taking a full week break for Thanksgiving.
      iii. Summer 2015 will have to undergo major changes as there are no longer enough weeks to keep our standard 7x7 system. It will be necessary to rebuild to a 6x6 structure.
         1. There was an unsuccessful amendment to the above provisions that would have moved the entire summer calendar 2014 one week earlier to allow for a break at the end of Summer II. Many difficulties were identified with this plan.
         2. All motions by the Calendar committee were passed.
   b. The move to a common calendar has been championed by the trustees for a number of years. IU Northwest may have been excluded from IU Online if they didn’t adopt the calendar. There was also the desire to coordinate the refund dates.
   c. The Calendar committee will return next week with a proposal regarding summer 2015. Some suggestions were discussed. Further suggestions should be forwarded to Mucci.

6. Vice Chancellors’ Reports
   a. Online Teaching Pilot – A task force has been created to address the many major concerns with how the pilot has been implemented. The first meeting of that task force will be March 4.
      i. One important fact is obvious – we need to be urgently working to put general education courses online.
   b. Summer Policy Change – The CFO of IU has imposed a new policy. The compensation of a faculty member cannot exceed the tuition revenue for a course. A compromise was made to allow for the averaging of courses being offered by a single faculty member. The minimum enrollment is still 15.

7. University Advancement and External Affairs – VC Jeri Pat Gabbert
   a. Additional funds have been focused on expanding the Development staff. When complete the expansion will include seven new positions.
   b. 2013 – $577424.23 pledged, $431,359.59 raised, 2014 (so far) $706,285.03 pledged, $357,970.03.
   c. 20-25% unrestricted. The remainder are restricted to specific programs.
8. Philanthropy Week – Professor Dorothy Ige  
   a. Feb 24-27 – Giving of your Time, Talent, Treasure

9. IU Northwest Hearing Procedures for Personal Misconduct – Vice President Subir Bandyopadhyay  
   a. Elizabeth Tyler, Asst. VC of Student Services – Summary of Changes  
      i. Establishment of a Review Board to hear student violations which assures that an experienced administrator handles difficult cases.  
      ii. Changes in the timeline for processing of cases to balance the student’s rights with the University’s need for speedy resolution.  
      iii. New ability to take action immediately before an appeal process in cases of violent actions by students.  
   b. Motion to approve the new guidelines was passed.

    a. Windows XP is 13 years old now. In April of 2014, XP will come to end of life. No more security updates, driver support. New software will not run.  
    b. If you have an XP computer – upgrade machine or OS  
    c. Do not connect to a Windows XP machine.  
    d. www.computerguide.iu.edu advice on computer purchases.  
    e. www.lenovo.com/indianauniversity deals on IU recommended computers.

11. Old Business – none

12. New Business  
    a. Masters of Science in Nursing Program was approved by the ICHE.

13. Adjournment – a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passes at 2:52pm