

Indiana University Northwest Faculty Organization
Minutes
February 15, 2013
Hawthorn Hall 107

1. Call to Order—Faculty Organization President Chuck Gallmeier called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes of January 18th, 2013—A motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2013 Faculty Organization meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. President's Report –President Gallmeier brought the following items to the meeting.
 - a. FBOR Election Results—The following faculty were elected to serve on the Faculty Board of Review: William Dorin, William Nelson, Susan Rouse, Mark Thomas, and Chris Young. President Gallmeier congratulated them and thanked everyone for voting and for running.
 - b. Sylvia E. Bowman Excellence in Teaching Award—This award has been earned by our own Professor Tanice Foltz.
 - c. Redhawks—This Saturday is double-header for the Redhawks. It's Senior Day, so try to attend, for it's the last season we'll see our seniors on the court.
 - d. Friday classes—The Executive Committee has passed a motion that Faculty Organization meetings will meet each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm during 2013-2014, so that faculty teaching Friday morning classes may attend.
 - e. Summer Term Pay—The Regional Faculty Council received a letter (distributed with today's agenda) from VP Applegate, regarding summer compensation for faculty. President Gallmeier opened the floor for discussion. The following motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously: *The IUN faculty unanimously opposes changes in the current compensation policy for summer teaching.* A second motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously: *That our president bring this issue to the Regional Faculty Council and encourage our colleagues to take an equally strong stand of opposing any cuts to summer compensation.*
4. Chancellor's Report—Chancellor William J. Lowe is attending today's IU Board of Trustees meeting.
5. Vice Chancellors' Reports—Executive Vice Chancellor David Malik brought the following items to the meeting.
 - a. Masters of Science in Nursing Degree—this Family Nurse Practitioner degree appears to be well on its way to approval.
 - b. Enrollment challenge—we are facing some real fiduciary challenges. The EMG is trying to increase the credit hour generation, including the Illiana

Program (allows Illinois students to pay in-state tuition), increasing the online options for students, more campus visits, and other initiatives. Also, at this time, undergrad applications and admissions are up.

- c. Friday classes—The Board of Trustees is very focused on this issue. At this very moment, Chancellor Lowe is presenting to the BoT how IU Northwest and other regional campuses have increased significantly Friday class scheduling.
 - d. Retention—Our retention numbers are up, but our 4-year graduation rate is lower. Although our students prefer the flexibility of a longer period to graduate and have told their preferences to the IHEC, the Commission is focused on 4-year degree completion rates.
 - e. E-Add—We have e-drop and are working on e-add.
 - f. Community Engagement Certification—We pursue many venues for community engagement and we need to document it. Units will be contacted for information on their community engagement activities. Our application is due next year.
6. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Georj Lewis—VC Lewis brought the following items to the meeting.
- a. Summer enrollment--admissions and applications are up over last summer.
 - b. Advisement Task Force—The Task Force is bringing a consultant to campus on Feb. 25 and 26. Two open forums for faculty will be held in LC105, on the 25th at 3 to 4 pm and on the 26th at 11 am to Noon.
 - c. Recruitment—Recruitment efforts are being ramped up.
7. Policy on Graduate Students taking Undergraduate Courses—AVCAA Cynthia O'Dell presented this policy: *Students enrolled in graduate programs are expected to make progress toward their degrees by taking only courses required for the degree. Exceptions can be made with prior permission from the Dean. It is expected that these exceptions will be germane to the graduate program.*
- This draft has been vetted to various campus groups, and it comes before us today moved and seconded as an Executive Committee report. Today's discussion included a number of comments detailing problems with this policy as written. President Gallmeier called for a vote. The Faculty Organization voted to not approve this policy.
8. IU Online--Sharon Calhoon, Assistant Vice President for Regional Affairs and University Academic Policy, described the IU Online initiative, an \$8 million, 3 year program. An Office of Online Education has been formed to advise on IU campus' online offerings. IU has over 80 programs and thousands of courses online. It is hoped that by this summer all of this information will be posted on one online site for the convenience of present and potential students.

Dr. Calhoon presented details on logistics and coordination of IU's online offerings. IU Northwest faculty members asked her a number of questions about the initiative.

At this point, President Gallmeier called for a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Such a motion was made, seconded, and passed.

9. E-textbooks--Eden Strange, IU Northwest Student Government Association, urged faculty to adopt the use of e-texts in the classroom. Among the IU campuses, IU Northwest ranks last in using e-texts. He asked the faculty to consider using more e-texts in their courses.
10. "No Child," Diversity Fellows, and Diversity Symposium events--Phyllis Barlow, Office Coordinator, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs, described these programs. More information on any of these programs and events is available from the Office of Diversity Programming and the campus website.
11. Old Business—There was no old business.
12. New Business—There was no new business.
13. Adjournment—A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.