

Faculty Organization Agenda  
January 17, 2014  
1:00-3:00  
Hawthorn Hall 107

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of November 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 - a motion was made to approve the minutes (with corrections) and they were passed unanimously.
3. President's Report
  - a. Congratulations to Julie Peller, Rochelle Brock, Marie Eisenstein, Michael LaPointe, and Margaret Skurka for election to the Faculty Board of Review
  - b. Welcome Visiting Professor of Mathematics, Dr. Alonso Contreras Astorga
  - c. ICHE Update – Gallmeier has been in contact with VP John Applegate and the RFC with regards to the word 'limit' as applied to research at regional campuses. ICHE has edited their statement and removed the word 'limit', although they have not adopted the language recommended by Gallmeier and the RFC. Gallmeier sees this as a satisfactory resolution to the situation, although he rejects the ICHE assertion that their original language was 'misinterpreted.' Gallmeier asked for additional discussion and no additional concerns were voiced.
4. Chancellor's Report
  - a. Advising task force report is good, thorough and should be taken very seriously. Advising is a big problem at IU Northwest, and the report contains specific recommended action items. There are things we can do in the near term that can make a big difference. Thanks to the members of the advising task force!
  - b. Budget time is approaching quickly. Expenditure review will be a driving force in this budget cycle, because of the continuing downward pressure on revenue despite record enrollments. Savings and development made salary increases possible last year.
  - c. The IU Northwest Arts and Sciences Building (new name) – is coming together extremely quickly. Programming meetings were done before the winter break. Initial design alternatives were reviewed this morning. More information will be public within the next 4-6 weeks.
  - d. Please support Homecoming activities next week. Alumni enjoy meeting faculty old and new. He also recommends the performance of 'Incognito' in Berglund Auditorium next Wednesday in recognition of MKL Day.
  - e. Summer 25% discount has not realized new revenues for us. However, the discount benefits students and encourages students to stay on schedule and spend less. It also demonstrates to the state that we are being responsible and allows us to continue to slowly raise tuition rates.
5. Vice Chancellors' Reports
  - a. Design sketches for the new building are incredibly exciting.
  - b. About 1/3 of our budget is state funding. This is a larger percentage than other campuses due to our lack of additional revenue streams. We are always in the process of developing new revenue opportunities.
  - c. Enrollment is down about 3% in head count and 1% in credit hours for the spring semester. Graduate enrollments are down 15% - this is a big hit. Down a little in

freshman and sophomores but up a lot in upper classmen. About 25% of students now take at least one online course.

- d. State has introduced “performance measures” – they cut the budget allocation and then give the campus a chance to earn back the money by reaching certain new goals. It is not always possible to meet the goals.
  - e. There was heated discussion of the IU Connect program. The VC assures the faculty that there is a committee working on the problems with this program.
  - f. Congratulations to Professor Gallmeier on his promotion to Chancellor’s Professor.
6. Advising Task Force – Beth Tyler, Asst. VC of Student Services
- a. Chancellor Lowe has funded the hiring of two full-time Academic Success Advisors, Elizabeth LaDuke and Cynthia Robles, offices in HH244 and 246 respectively. Also the Coordinator of Advising and Tutoring, Kevin Ballard in HH235. Each of these are general advisors, hired in the last months.
  - b. Advising expectations have exploded. Degree maps, AAR, FLAGS, etc.
  - c. A review will be conducted about how many advisees each professor has. A committee will be formed to review advising at Student Orientation.
  - d. “Next Generation Advising” booklet – please ask the VC for a copy
7. Homecoming – Paulette Lafata-Johnson, Director of Alumni Relations and Kristofer Schnatz, Athletic Director
- a. Caroline Dowd-Higgins will present “Leadership Lessons: Become the CEO of Your Own Career” to students and faculty, Tuesday at 5:30.
  - b. More info at <http://www.iun.edu/news/2013/homecoming-2014.htm>
  - c. Faculty appreciation nights at sporting events continue and have been a success.
  - d. Women’s Basketball is ranked #1 in our conference with some impressive accomplishments.
  - e. Both basketball teams are at 100% recruitment.
  - f. Student-athlete average GPA is at 2.8.
8. HawkWalk – Clinical Assistant Professor Gail Zacok, Campus Wellness Center
- a. All Healthy IU programs are free to those with insurance.
  - b. Free access to walking track in Savannah for all employees. All you have to do is sign up at the booth outside of Savannah gym. Unlimited access.
9. One Book One Campus – Dr. Crystal Shannon and James Wallace
- a. Events Planned for this semester and classroom resources are available at: <http://www.iun.edu/onebook/>
  - b. There will be a change in the process of book selection. Students, faculty and staff suggestions will be accepted from Feb 12 to Mar 1. This is an effort to make the selection earlier and facilitate planning for integration into more classes.
  - c. DPS Call for Proposals will go out Tuesday. Four Diversity Fellow awards are also available. Info at <http://www.iun.edu/diversity>
10. A motion was made to extend the meeting by 5 minutes – it was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Victimization Study – Professor Tanice Foltz

- a. Random classes will be selected for a 10-15 minute survey at the beginning of class. Professors will be contacted soon and the survey will be scheduled at the professor's convenience.
  - b. This information will be used to apply for a significant grant to benefit this campus and its students.
  - c. Seniors and Graduate students are being recruited now as research assistants and trained to administer the survey.
  - d. The survey will begin in early February.
12. Remembering Professor Jack Gruenenfelder – Past Secretary Steve McShane
- a. A motion was made to send a transcript of these comments to Prof. Gruenenfelder's family - it was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Old Business – none.
14. New Business –
- a. Campus is moving forward with a Campus Card that will replace the Campus ID. It will be used for purchasing textbooks, keyless entry, and library services. It will be ready for the fall semester.
15. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

### Jack Gruenenfelder by Jim Lane

Along with Bill Neil, George Thoma, and Herman Feldman, Jack Gruenenfelder was part of the "Old Gang," as George Roberts called them, of Liberal Arts professors who basically ran IU Northwest during the 7 years before Business-oriented Chancellor Dan Orescanin took over the reins in 1975. While Neil, Thoma, and Feldman built History, English, and Psychology into formidable departments, Jack was content to be a one-man Philosophy Department, at least until Division Chair F.C. Richardson forced him to merge with the History Department.

Jack was an integral part of the Faculty Organization during its so-called Golden Age, when reports from administrators were brief or non-existent and serious debates took place about such matters as curriculum and grading policy. In contrast to Les Singer's histrionics and George Roberts' bombast, Jack, a traditionalist, was always erudite and logical and worth

listening to. Yet he could be stubborn. Opposed to a university smoking ban, even though he rarely smoked and then only a pipe, on the day before the ban went into effect, he lit up the smelliest cigar imaginable.

Jack taught well into his 70s, spoke on campus recently about his memories of Tamarack, and continued to have lunch weekly with old colleagues such as Keith Lorentzen. He died of a heart attack coming home from a concert at Valparaiso University. He was one of a kind and will be missed.

Jack Grunenfelder by Paul Kern

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I learned most of what I know about Jack at our weekly lunches. He was a great lunch companion, whose cultivated conversations lifted my cultural level considerably. Jack had his likes and dislikes. He liked philosophy, classical music, and Notre Dame football. He disliked the avant-garde, academic fads, and the superficial. He wrote letters to the Lyric Opera complaining about modernist staging of old favorites. The letters were hand-written because Jack never became comfortable with computers. He enjoyed academic administration, but his dislike of fads, cant, and administrative jargon thwarted that career path.

Jack was deeply religious. Characteristically, he preferred the calm reasoning of Thomas Aquinas to the personal angst of Augustine. He was devoted to his 6 children and his wife Mildred, who shared his religious faith and love of literature, classical music, and yes, Notre

Dame football. A librarian, she loved books. When she could no longer read toward the end of her life, Jack read to her every evening.

Jack was old-school, believing in academic integrity, the liberal arts, the importance of ancient Greek philosophy, civilized discourse, and the truth of the Catholic faith. Love and consistency were his greatest virtues. He agreed with Aristotle that virtue is a habit, and Jack cultivated that habit all of his long life.