

Minutes of the School of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly

Friday, January 25, 2002

Present: Aponte, Ardemagni, Bao, Barger, Bein, Bertrand, Brant, Carlin, Craig, T. Davis, Duerksen, Eller, Ford, Goering, Goff, Grossmann, A. Haas, Hoegberg, Hovde, Howard, Kloesel, Kryder-Reid, Langsam, Minielli, Mullen, Nnaemeka, Oukada, Saatkamp, Sanchez, Schneider, Sherrill, Snodgrass, Souch, Stenzoski, R. Sutton, Tilley, Trotter, Upton, Ward, White, White-Mills, Wilkins, Yonogi, Zhang.

Guests: Rick Hanson, incoming Assistant Dean, Sue Herrell, Assistant to the Dean, Gail Plater, Director of Development, and Don Schultheis, outgoing Assistant Dean.

1. Call to order.

Christian Kloesel, President of the Faculty Assembly, convened the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

2. Acceptance of minutes.

The minutes of the 16 November meeting were approved unanimously, with the correction that **D. Bertrand** was present.

3. Dean's Remarks.

a. Dean Saatkamp was delayed due to candidate interviews. He indicated they are a very strong bunch and the departments are to be congratulated for attracting such candidates.

b. The Dean thanked the faculty for their student retention efforts. The admission standards for the campus have increased recently, and that has reduced the flow of new beginning students into the School. Our student credit hours, however, have continued to increase due to our increased retention of existing students. One indicator of the improvement is that the large drop-off in credit hours immediately after the student census has now become only a modest drop-off.

c. Dean Saatkamp introduced his new assistant, **Sue Herrell**, and the new Assistant Dean, **Rick Hanson**. They were both greeted warmly by the faculty.

d. Dean Saatkamp noted that Assistant Dean **Don Schultheis**, who has been here since 1964, is retiring. At his retirement dinner, there were many tributes, praising especially his character. Quiet, solid, and fair, he has not only served the School well in the past, he has laid a solid foundation for our future. In honor of his service, and his interest in and support of IUPUI Athletics, the **Dean** presented Don with an IUPUI Jaguars basketball, autographed by the members of the team.

e. **Dean Saatkamp** then called on **Catherine Souch** for an announcement. The M.S. G.I.S. was approved this morning by the Board of Trustees. It had been approved last year, subject to funding being identified. It now has full approval.

4. President's Remarks.

President Kloesel noted that announcements about undergraduate scholarship awards would soon be going out to faculty. Faculty should mention these in their classes and encourage students to apply, and nominate students as appropriate. These scholarships are very important to the school; there should be multiple nominations for each one.

Paul Carlin, Faculty Assembly Secretary, announced that **Bill Blomquist** has been elected as the new member of the Faculty Enhancement Committee.

President Kloesel reminded the faculty that, at our November meeting, the idea of naming one of the new IUPUI housing units after former Dean of the School **Joseph Taylor** had been suggested. He then read a resolution to that effect that had been authored and submitted by **Martin Spechler**. The resolution was adopted unanimously with the one amendment that the words "model citizen and educator" be substituted for "model gentleman and educator." The resolution will be sent to **Karen Whitney**, Vice-Chancellor for Student Life and Diversity.

Gail Plater called the faculty's attention to the newly proposed "Explore IUPUI" day of learning. A number of the campus's traditional fall activities have been compressed into one day. The first will be on October 12, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is modeled on the very successful "Maryland Days," which was initiated by the University of Maryland. The idea is to attract 10,000 people to IUPUI that day, including alumni, students, community and friends for celebration of scholarship, graduate recruitment, and so on. The SLA "Explore IUPUI" Planning Committee will meet next week to lay plans for showcasing the School of Liberal Arts on that day. If you have any suggestions, please send them to **Gail Plater**.

Dean Saatkamp suggested that faculty visit the newly redesigned web site for the School of Liberal Arts.

In a segue to the Committee reports, **President Kloesel** noted that the increased number of graduate programs makes it prudent to alter the SLA committee structure to include separate Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Committees. The Agenda Council will review the By-Laws and recommend the necessary amendments in order to set up the new Committee. A new Committee should be appointed by the end of the year.

5. Committee Business

a. *Curriculum Committee.*

Didier Bertrand, chair, reported the committee's motion to approve, in principle, the proposal for a Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies. He noted that copies of the full proposal had been posted on the web. The committee had made numerous suggestions for the improvement of the proposal. Unfortunately, the need to get this through many committees at campus and higher levels, requires that we allow the proposal to go through while the revisions are being made. Otherwise the entire enterprise would be delayed for an entire year. The revised proposal will come back to the Faculty Assembly in March for formal approval.

Representatives of the Center on Philanthropy have agreed to be responsive to the committee's suggestions. **President Kloesel** noted that, in addition to its being the first Ph.D. proposal in the School, it is also of interest in terms of its potential for the further development of the School of Liberal Arts. The Center is attempting to raise 100 million dollars to create twenty endowed chairs, the largest number of which would be in our School. **Jonathan Eller** described the proposal in more detail and indicated the issues the committee has asked the Center to resolve.

They include (1) the status of new courses; (2) the distinction between research methods courses and advanced research methods courses; (3) the internship component; (4) the departmental placement of the new teaching line included in the proposal; (5) faculty appointments; and (6) release time for adjunct faculty. The income to support the proposal will come from new students, but the Resources and Planning Committee will also be asked to review it before the March 22nd Faculty Assembly meeting.

The motion was approved without dissent.

b. Faculty Affairs.

John Tilley reported that their survey of Annual Review procedures was continuing and would be reported to the Faculty Assembly soon. They are also looking into faculty compensation at peer institutions, and considering the role of lecturers in faculty governance. **President Kloesel** noted that the campus Faculty Affairs Committee had adopted a resolution asking for parity in raises between IUB and IUPUI. This past year, salary increases in Indianapolis were lower because a percentage of the tuition increase was dedicated to converting part-time positions to full-time Lecturer positions.

c. Nominating Committee.

President Kloesel noted that **Rosalie Vermette**, on behalf of the IUPUI Faculty Council, would soon be circulating nomination forms for at-large representatives to the Faculty Council. The Nominating Committee will be asked to help us identify two people who would be willing to stand for election. Bloc voting will give the School a better chance to have its perspectives carried to the Faculty Council's proceedings. We will also be needing to replace **Ursula Niklas** and **Jeanette Dickerson-Putman** as our Unit Representatives to the Faculty Council. We will only be needing one new Agenda Council member as **David Hoegberg** agreed to serve the second year of his term in 2002-2003. He stepped down from the Council so that **Christian Kloesel**, also of the English Department, could

serve as President of the Faculty Assembly. A new **President** of the Assembly must also be found.

d. Teaching and Advising.

Ken Barger reported that there are awards available for the redesign of courses. The applications are due in the Dean's Office by February 1. No word had been received as yet about Trustees' Teaching awards.

e. Technical Services.

Thom Upton indicated there are two upcoming deadlines. The web has details about the Small Grants Using Technology. These have awards of up to \$5,000. In the Fall the Committee received two proposals and both were accepted. The second grant is for faculty research using new technology. These awards are for up to \$2,500 and a March 18th deadline is likely. The deadlines will be announced to all faculty via the Faculty listserv.

6. Report from Faculty Council.

President Kloesel reported that there has been no University Faculty Council meeting since the last SLA Faculty Assembly meeting. He then read Susan Sutton's report on the IUPUI Faculty Council, which has met twice: the focus of the December 6th meeting was the state of the Athletic Department, and the focus of the January 10th meeting was the approval of an alternate plan for the School of Allied Health Sciences, which has been suffering from financial exigencies.

Marjorie Hovde noted that the Lecturer document will be considered at the meeting on February 7th. Please send any comments or concerns about the document to her by e-mail.

7. Old Business.

There were no items of old business.

8. New Business.

There were no items of new business.

9. Adjournment.

Miriam Langsam's motion to adjourn was seconded and approved unanimously. President **Kloesel** adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. Carlin
Secretary of the Faculty Assembly

