

Faculty Senate Agenda - Meeting # 538

July 17, 2013 1:00-2:30 pm, BAB 123

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes, Senate Meeting # 537
3. Administration Reports
 - Dr. Robert Altenkirch, University President & Interim Provost
4. Internal (Senate) Reports & Discussion
 - None
5. Ongoing Senate Business
 - Senate Resolution Responses
6. New Business
 - None
7. Adjournment

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**FACULTY SENATE MEETING # 537
May 2, 2013
12:45 P.M. in BAB 123**

Present: Chris Allport, Charles Hickman, Dan Sherman, Eletra Gilchrist, Pavica Sheldon, Derrick Smith, Kwaku Gyasi, Linda Maier, Christine Sears, Deborah Heikes, Nick Jones, Anne Marie Choup, Bhavani Sitaraman, Mitch Berbrier, Ramon Cerro, Sherri Messimer, Kader Frendi, Ellise Adams, Ina Warboys, Kristen Herrin, Anna Benton, Peggy Hays, Phillip Bitzer, Luciano Matzkin, Carmen Scholz, James Baird, Tim Newman, Peter Slater, Craig Cowan, Leonard Choup, Richard Miller Jakobus Le Roux, Nikolai Pogorelov, Vistasp Karbhari

Absent With Proxy: Faye Anderson, Marlena Primeau, Debra Moriarity

Absent Without Proxy: Wai Mok, Jeet Gupta, David Neff, Carolyn Sanders, Eric Seemann, Junpeng Guo, Jeff Kulick, David Pan, James Blackmon, Jeff Evans, Claudio Morales

Guests: Robert Altenkirch, Brent Wren

- Dr. Richard Miller called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.
- President Altenkirch—Budget—State appropriation started with the Governor's recommendation +800,000, \$590,000 in house down to \$190,000 in the Senate. Speaking to the Speaker of the House to try to bump it back up to \$500,000–600,000. \$250,000 to State Climatologist and \$750,000 for Nursing expansion stands.
- Construction projects are on schedule.
- Commencement is Saturday.
- An Interim Provost is under consideration—someone will be selected within two weeks. Sent out invites to serve on the Search Committee this morning—when responses are back we will announce the Committee.
- Put out RFP for the website redesign. Proposals are in and selected 3 for interviews. Whatever consultant is selected will redesign the website including architecture for moving ahead and mobile phone app. Graphics to identify.

Style guide on ChargerNet. Can get style guide and rules for using. Will grow over time. Indiana's is 100 pages. Right now ours is brief. Faculty and staff can go on ChargerNet and grab identity. Students have to go through someone.

- VPR starts May 29.
- There was a questions and comment regarding an App for Blackboard and Angel for grading on mobile devices. They will look into this.
- Provost Karbhari—brief announcements: We will hand out Faculty Academic Excellence Awards at Commencement—Teaching—Ellise Adams and Research—Kevin Knupp—these two represent the best we have . Colleges also gave awards, Allen Wilhite, Business; Alex Malenkovic, Engineering; David Neff, Liberal Arts; Rita Ferguson, Nursing and Leland Cseke, Science. 599 students will be walking. Many faculty signed up to attend. We will award 477 bachelors, 107 masters and 15 doctoral degrees.
- Classrooms 40 are being upgraded regarding i.t. projectors, cameras, etc. across the five Colleges. CIO met with the Registrar and Deans to see how to schedule this over the summer. There is a 3 year program to modernize. Allows use of laptops and will be podium and smart podium. Limited set of rooms for 2 way classrooms.

Maintained by i.t., new equipment. Remote access to centralized point and will know problems and can deal with them. All will be uniform.

Dr. Miller wished the Provost the best of luck in Arlington.

- Committee assignments will be slightly different this time. Dr. Miller introduced himself to the new senators. Committee chairs will organize a meeting in the near future to elect new chairs. Mitch Berbrier is the new President.
- Derrick Smith moved, seconded by Phillip Bitzer to accept the Executive Committee report.
- Dr. Richard Miller End of year report: Reported on votes for officers-- Wai Mok and Deb Heikes elected President-Elect and Ombudsperson respectively.
- Restlessness and Curiosity is the speech Dr. Richard Miller gave to the Board and he repeated it to the Senate. He used a cartoon, from a book he recently read. Curiosity and restlessness is our job. This is a room of Innovative technology. What do you want—is a question I asked last year. What we want for future success is about harnessing curiosity and restlessness. Engaged faculty change lives. It is the Institution's promise and possibility. Potential. Classroom success as well as lab success. Hope for success under Dr. Altenkirch's leadership. Hope faculty play a role in recruiting students, keeping

students and succeeding in classroom innovations. We have a knack for pushing others and helping them succeed and excel. Institute of creative technology. Economics and academics demand it. Time for creative endeavors. Benefit by finding ways to further harness our restlessness and curiosity. Show our dynamic nature.

- Passed 6 resolutions this year. Heard from one.
- Comments regarding Provost Search Committee and Dr. Miller providing names to the President. People wanted input and voting of who was on the list. Could have been done electronically. Dr. Richard Miller believes he has the leeway of providing information to the President when time is of the essence. This is about timely considerations and not democracy—we do not vote on everything.
- Background policies—inputs—will keep updated.
- SIE reviews—started and will continue.
- CTE Program—one applied so it was postponed until the Interim Provost is in place and then we will continue.
- Search for Graduate Dean—why not wait for the new Provost—The President did not want to wait.
- Engagement of VPR—addressing issues that have been around for a while. Carmen Scholz was instrumental in this. Agreement that library staff be given equivalent of clinical status.
- Faculty Handbook—took too much time. Almost done and will be to you in a few weeks.
- FARs—moving to electronic dossiers—will be rolled out over the next year.
- Strategic Planning—many meetings on this.
- Issues for AY 13–14.

Internal Funding opportunities—reestablish internal junior faculty funding—showed results of new program InterimVPR did. IIDR—over a million dollars provided. Distribution 50/50 basically faculty and Centers. Makeup of committee not released. Richard Miller's personal view is that it is good. Good distribution to faculty. Transparency is a problem.

Major Strategic Endeavors—no mechanism for major strategic endeavors.

Ombuds Office—passed two years ago—budget is the issue—talked to the President—new Senators keep fighting for this.

Senate Committee Attendance—many do not show up for meetings. You have a responsibility. to come to meetings.

Faculty Handbook.

Student Recruitment Issues—missing from discussions are involvement of faculty.

BETA and background policies.

Center for Teaching Excellence.

Chair/Dean Annual Performance Input—chairs evaluate us every year—makes sense for faculty in the department to provide input for the performance of the Chair.

It is all part of transparency and shared governance.

- New Senators get involved.
- Contact President or other Senators and can help you write bills. We are here to help you get things done. Be active participants in the process.
- Carmen Scholz—Ad hoc Research Committee—thanked members for their work. —unaffiliated faculty—defined as faculty who are not part of a Research Center. This is a Nerd town and an EPSCOR State. Mini-grants are positive, RCEU, Distinguished speaker series, COLA, RELACS, OVPR student initiatives. Challenges—provided in November—focus on Centers—more money. Lack of appreciation and recognition for academic research, lack of incentives for research efforts, teaching loads, lack of research infrastructure outside of NASA and Army, lack of staff support for research proposal writing. Showed chart, took Gary Maddox out. Money distribution. Colleges taken out and showed chart. Looked at specific Colleges and needs, etc. COLA and COB no access to databases, lack basic research infrastructure, teaching loads, NUR teaching load, inequitable distribution of resources, COE, NUR and OSP understaffed, COS no support with budgeting, procurement, contract and Grants interaction. Contracts and grants—accounting is incomprehensible. The main focus seems to be on policing faculty, lack of budgetary support. Desired outcomes: equitable distribution of research funding and enhancement of a research infrastructure. Specifically—mentoring and/or instructing of graduate students should yield release time from teaching, publications writing proposals and garnering actual grants should be awarded and recognized. Sharing the Library with the UA System would yield more database access. Proposal preparation—make available modules for proposals on topics like facilities, outreach, description of the university in terms of percent of minorities, females, etc.

professional grant writers, staff assistant support, help with accounting, help with administrative issues, contracts and grants should be under OVPR.

- Dean Smith promised help with Library database. Puts money where it is the best investment and he does not help with teaching loads. It is a Catch 22. Will have to revisit with new VPR. Difference of academic and institutional research. Need understanding and assistance. For school our size not likely to separate contracts and grants.