

Members present: A. Argast, R. Darabi, L. DeFonso, R. Hess, M. Lipman, V. Maloney, W. Weller Others present: S. McAllister

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m.

1. **New Faculty Web Site:** The new faculty web site is up, running, and looks good. It will be advertised at the convocation so that everyone is aware of it.

2. **Agenda for the Faculty Convocation:** M. Lipman had two items for action to add to the agenda. The first was in regards to renaming the School of Arts and Sciences to the College of Arts and Sciences. The second involves splitting Sociology and Anthropology into two separate departments. There are four steps involved in the process: the departments vote (which has been done), the resolution gets sent to the VCAA office, then to the chancellor, then to the board of directors. M. Lipman will edit and re-work the documents and submit the Sociology/Anthropology document to the Executive Committee, to be voted on and added to the agenda for the convocation by January 24. He will submit the A&S name change to the Faculty Affairs committee for them to present at the convocation. Those two documents, along with the Student Affairs committee document regarding a proposed change to the Governance Document, will be items requiring action. The Student Affairs committee document regarding recommendations for the student committee nominations process will be for information only.

3. **Independent IPFW:** W. Weller saw an article in the Journal Gazette talking about IPFW becoming independent of I.U. and Purdue. The dean said there isn't any truth to the article and that these rumors surface every few years. The Executive Committee takes the attitude of "wait and see" before it will comment on the issue.

4. **Convocation Odds and Ends:** For the spring convocation, the chairs of all the standing committees will be called upon to give a 2-3 minute report on the activities of their committees. There are no awards to give out for this convocation, as the Bruening Advising Award will be handed out at the Honors Banquet in April. An email will be sent out to all A&S faculty advising them of the convocation and soliciting questions for the dean.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.