

Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne
College of Arts & Sciences Convocation
April 7, 2008 Minutes
Noon CM 168

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
 - Motion to accept agenda, second, motion carried.
3. Committee reports requiring action (also available on-line at <http://www.ipfw.edu/as/councildocs.htm>)
 - 3.1 Faculty Affairs Committee
 - 3.1.1 Recommended change to the Philosophy Criteria & Procedures for the reappointment of non- tenure track faculty document (A&SCD 07.14)
 - A. Document was reviewed by faculty affairs committee, and the Dean Revisions were made and reviewed again by Faculty Affairs.
 - B. Question was raised as to if the document would need to be voted on by the voting faculty.
 - C.. Faculty Committee reviewed and accepted documents changes. Changes to do not require faculty vote.
 - 3.1.2 Recommended change to Philosophy Criteria & Procedures for reappointment, tenure, and promotion document (A&SCD 07.15)
 - A. Document was reviewed and changes were made by the Faculty Affairs Committee.
 - B. Motion to accept recommended changes to document (A&SCD 07.15), second, motion carried.
41. Committee reports for information only (also available on-line at <http://www.ipfw.edu/as/councildocs.htm>)
 - 4.1 Curriculum Committee
 - 4.1.1 Minutes October 5, 2007 (A&SCD 07-05)
 - 4.1.2 Minutes November 9, 2007 (A&SCD 07-10)
 - 4.1.3 Minutes December 7, 2007 (A&SCD 07-11)
 - 4.1.4 Minutes January 29, 2008 (A&SCD 07-12)
 - 4.1.5 Minutes February 26, 2008 (A&SCD 07-13)
 - 4.2 Executive Committee
 - 4.2.1 Minutes November 7, 2007 (A&SCD 07-06)
 - 4.2.2 Minutes November 29, 2007 (A&SCD 07-07)
 - 4.2.3 Minutes March 18, 2008 (A&SCD 07-16)
5. Reports from Standing Committees
 - 5.1 Executive Committee: B. Kingsbury:
 - A. Kingsbury thanked Christine Erickson for assuming role of Presiding Officer while he was on sabbatical. Last fall, Executive Committee deliberated potential structures for Arts and Sciences, and recommended a more “horizontal” than “vertical” arrangement. Arts and Sciences formed a Task Force committee to look at the Arts and Sciences requirements for bachelor’s degrees in the major.
 - 5.2 Curriculum Committee: A. Argast:
 - A. Committee approved the Physics /Electrical Engineering Dual-Degree Program.
 - 5.3 Nominations and Elections: P. Dragnev:

- A. Need one more nominate for Curriculum Committee, any members interested please let Peter know.

Faculty Affairs: D. Kaiser:

- A. Philosophy governance document was reviewed and critiqued for Audio Speech and Sciences.

Ombudscommittee: R. Gillespie: No report

Assessment Committee: S. Amidon:

- A. Positive feedback from the enrollment assessment. report. Data from report was constructively used for improvements to the process of assessment.

Student Affairs: M. Drouin:

- A. No report.

6. Report from Ad hoc Committee

Task Force: B. Kingsbury:

- A. The Task Force selected B. Kingsbury to be chair. They have begun the task of reviewing requirements for all Arts and Sciences bachelor's degrees, reviewing the Baccalaureate Degree framework, and collecting and reviewing requirements from regional and peer institutions. Revisions to the requirements are to be completed by next spring.

7. Old Business-none

8. New Business-none

9. Presiding Officer's Remarks-

- A. Kingsbury welcomed Elaine Blakemore as incoming Presiding Officer. He challenged the faculty to become more involved in service both on and off campus, but also challenged chairs and the upper administration to reward those who do volunteer more tangibly, including financially. He welcomed changes in Arts and Science structure, provided that they improved equitable distribution of resources and eased conducting tasks addressed centrally. He criticized the annual reporting process as being inadequate in terms of affirming and recognizing individual faculty accomplishments. He encouraged the Dean to work more frequently with chairs and faculty in an ad hoc fashion to find solutions to common problems such as advising, space, and faculty load. He also encouraged the Dean and the incoming VCAA to do more to nurture native leadership. He closed by thanking everyone for listening and for all that they already do.

10. Dean's Remarks: See attached file.

11. Question Time

12. General Good and Welfare-none

13. Adjournment

Question Time

1. Michael Nusbaumer asks the Dean to respond to the following question:
"Given A&S, IU, tenured faculty, volunteers for the IU Board of Review has declined to a historic low of 1 out of 16 total volunteers in the past 2 years, how concerned are you about the lack of A&S representation on this important grievance board?"

The A&S Executive Committee also asks the Dean to consider this question in a broader context. Volunteering for service roles on the part of A&S faculty seems to be low in general, suggesting faculty perceive that it is unimportant, not valued, or ineffectual. Such perceptions may also explain the lack of questions submitted for spring Assembly or the upcoming Convocation Question Time. What is your feeling about this, and what do you see as the remedy?

2) Executive Committee asks: With the loss of Tom Hicks, what are the plans for centralized advising in Arts and Sciences? Might regular meetings of Lead Advisors be reinstated? Might you consider dedicating some professional advising to large departments that express such an interest?

3) Executive Committee asks the Dean to provide the faculty with an update on plans regarding reorganization of Arts and Sciences.

