Terry provided a context for the meeting. The primary reason for re-visiting the Constitution and By-laws initially was related to the separation of Bloomington and IUPUI, and the documents were revised at a meeting in April. Since April, there was discussion as to the relationship between IUPUC and IUPUI, and documentation was shared with Terry indicating that IUPUC was separate from IUPUI in some ways and should have a seat on the Council. Thus, there was a recommendation from IUPUI and IUPUC to reflect having an IUPUC representative on the Council; this recommendation is noted in the draft before the members. The Council would have ten members, and a majority would constitute six voting members. This change in Council membership would be different from what the Council approved in April, thus the need for this meeting, prior to the official separation of Bloomington and IUPUI.

Given that Thu Song did not attend the April meeting, she asked for a brief review re: common and unique programs in Article I, Section 3. Definitions, as well as clarification re: the principal functions of the Council in Article II, Section 2. Authority. It seems that reference to “Resolve conflicting policies and procedures which affect professional education programs” inadvertently was omitted from copies of the proposed Constitution sent to members with the meeting announcement. An accurate copy was sent electronically to members immediately. The Council in April did not delete this principal function from the Constitution.

With respect to the old Constitution reference to “common and unique” programs, the Council in April recommended deletion of these terms and approved a definition of all education courses and programs that must come before the Council. Given the growth in the number and variety of offerings on all the campuses, the definition approved in April seemed appropriate.

Thu Song also asked for clarification of the discussion re: the Education Council Constitution and whether there was a quorum at the April meeting. There was not a quorum at the April meeting, yet the amended Constitution has the additional step of having to be approved by a majority of the campuses.

As an amendment to the agenda, Thu Song requested an update on the MAT as an informational item.

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Faye made the motion to approve the change to Article II, Section 3. Composition, along with the change to Article II, Section 5. Quorum, as proposed. Beth seconded the motion. Thu Song asked for clarification re: the definition, expressing concern that it could be a bottleneck in getting changes made. Terry noted that the definition was comprehensive. Thu Song noted concern about the quantity work of the Council. Jill shared that new and revised courses are reviewed by Council members by way of the remonstrance process outlined in the Bylaws. The new definition would not change this process. There could be more courses to review, but the time line for that review/remonstrance process is not changed. Faye added
that she appreciated receiving the Education Council notes re: course remonstrance to learn about efforts on other campuses. In her opinion, it provides another venue as to what other faculty and/or campuses are doing. From Faye’s perspective, it also provides another venue for collegiality.

Thu Song then raised questions re: Section 3 and the chair of the Council. She suggested that language re: the chair might include qualifications, rotation of the chair, terms. Beth also wanted to offer a friendly amendment to include language that members be required to send an alternate if members are unable to attend.

Thu Song suggested that a change or clarification to the reference to “campus governance body” would be useful. Also, she asked whether there should be changes to the references to administrative titles, given that IUPUC does not have a dean. Thu Song wondered if the By Laws might include reference to the call of additional and/or summer meetings.

Given that the meeting was scheduled only for one hour, time ran out. The motion on the table was not voted on. Jill requested clarification as to the time line for approval of a revised Constitution. Terry clarified that the University administration will tolerate approval of the Constitution early in the fall semester.

Terry adjourned the meeting at 4:00.

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