

School of Education Faculty Meeting

Friday, February 23, 2024

Auditorium 1120

Minutes

\*\* What follows is a summary of events\*\*

**Welcome** *Dean Stacy Morrone*

Dean Morrone welcomed the faculty and briefly reviewed the agenda.

**Dean’s Report** *Dean Stacy Morrone*

Dean Morrone shared with the faculty that the School of Education Commemorative Book was published in December 2023. Additionally, the Dean shared that the portraits of Martha Dawon and Elder Watson Diggs are now displayed on the second floor of the School of Education. Dean Morrone updated the faculty on a current building project including the installation of a video wall and reported updates regarding the Budget Conference. Dean Morrone shared that campus has asked all schools to hypothetically project a 1% and 3% budget cut, and emphasized that this exercise was for budget planning purposes only. To conclude Dean Morrone updated faculty about the AERA reception.

**Update Regarding Senate Bill (SB) 202** *Department Chair of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Chad Lochmiller*

As an appointed member of the Commission for Higher Education for the State of Indiana, C. Lochmiller provided an update regarding SB 202. The bill is headed to the house floor. C. Lochmiller outlined the timeline if the bill moves past the house floor.

**Anticipating Fall Enrollment** *Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Thomas Nelson Laird*

T. Nelson Laird shared that it was still early to determine if enrollment will be higher or lower than previous years. Currently, GSO has received 700 graduate applications, which is more than last year. 142 admits have been processed and 49 students have accepted admission. T. Nelson Laird also shared that Dean’s and UGS Fellowship decisions are coming soon, and student academic appointments (SAA) have a stipend minimum of $23,000 for the upcoming year. T. Nelson Laird concluded with a reminder for faculty to comment on doctoral students’ annual reviews by March 11.

**Anticipating Fall Enrollment & Direct Admit Day** *Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Jeff Anderson*

J. Anderson reminded faculty that Direct Admit Day is February 23rd.Additionally, J. Anderson noted that the calendar for enrollment management has changed. Applications and admissions are up in comparison to last year. J. Anderson stated that undergraduate education is focused on diversifying pipelines and due to the work of L. Arnold, in comparison to last year there has been a 30% increase in applicants submitted by URM students, a 90% increase in African American male applicants, a 15% increase in URM student admits and deposits have increased by 33% of URM students. Additionally, J. Anderson shared that deposits are currently down due to a change in timing regarding admissions, and the decrease in pre-education admits is due to taking more direct admits along with timeline changes. J. Anderson concluded the report indicating that the admit rate is currently at 60%. On average the School of Education admit rate is 70%. This decrease indicates that there is an increase in competition over the previous year, there was variation in the applicant pool and a change in standards. The anticipated Fall 2024 class will be approximately 240 students.

**Grant Funding Update** *Associate Dean for Research and Development, Gayle Buck*

G. Buck reminded faculty about the deadlines for School of Education internal grants. G. Buck outlined grant proposal trends and award trends. In comparison to last year, the SoE has increased the amount in proposal and award dollars.

**CARES Initiative Update** *Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Carl Darnell*

On behalf of Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion C. Darnell, Dean Morrone updated faculty regarding SoE CARES. A well-being and contemplation room has been identified and is with IU Interiors. The room will serve as an opportunity for students to practice their specific religion and meet a variety of needs. The room will also include a wall divider. Dean Morrone shared that the SoE CARE Counselor has been very successful, overflow for the counselor is being fulfilled by the Counseling and Wellness Clinic. The success of the counselor will be shared during the upcoming budget conference. Dean Morrone noted that CARE cards are being distributed and emergency funds for students have been increased. Lastly, Dean Morrone shared that the listening sessions under the CARES initiative have indicated that students are feeling anxious and uncomfortable. Faculty were encouraged to lean into students to work through feelings of discomfort.

**Working Group Exercise: Feedback on Strategic Plan Goals**

**Dean Search Update**

**Announcements & Save the Dates**

Solar Eclipse – April 8

Celebration of Excellence – April 23

Spring Graduate Commencement – May 3

Spring Undergraduate Commencement – May 4

SoE Convocation – May 4

Adjournment