

MINUTES
POLICY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
April 14, 2021

2:30 p.m.

Zoom Online Meeting

Members Present: E Boling, A. Hackenberg, A. Maltese, L. Rutkowski, Q. Wheeler-Bell, J. Danish, V. Dimitrieska, S. Eckes, A. Leftwich, T. O’Neal

Alternate Members Present: A. Cuenca, S. Daley

Student Members Present: D. Miller, G. Rennie

Staff Member Present: M. Boots

Dean’s Staff Present: G. Delandshere, S. Lubienski, G. Buck, J. Anderson, J. Shedd, C. Darnell

Guests: K. Wohlwend, M. Waldron, L. LePeau, J. Decker, C. Lochmiller, D. Rutkowski

Policy Council Chair, L. Rutkowski, opened the meeting by reviewing the current context and number of open leadership positions at IU and on the Bloomington campus. She also informed faculty that Dean Morrone intends to retire after her tenure as interim dean and is not interested in a permanent Deanship. Further, L. Rutkowski reminded faculty that selecting an interim Dean is the purview of the provost, who has sought faculty input on this matter. We are not voting, we are having a discussion to clarify the overall position of the faculty on this matter.

E. Boling suggested that, should Stacy be asked by the provost to stay on, that she address the faculty and express/clarify her position and intent to increase transparency and enhance trust. L. Rutkowski noted that after this afternoon’s meeting she will be communicating with the Provost the position of the faculty based on the survey and this conversation.

A. Leftwich asked for a discussion of the survey results. Eighty participants were in support and 4 opposed. The survey had a 69% response rate and went to all individuals with an academic appointment. Themes included concerns about the long stretch of leadership transition, a recognition of the practical constraints of our time. Another theme was regarding the removal of the title of interim. This issue was discussed at a meeting with the Agenda Committee and the rationale was to have the SOE on firmer footing with a search for a new dean in the fall of 2023. D. Miller noted that another theme from the survey was around who is setting the agenda for the school and what the long range plan is for the school for the next 3-5 years.

Several faculty commended this process of documenting faculty concerns and sharing these concerns with the provost. L. Rutkowski noted that she will communicate the overwhelming positive faculty response to Stacy’s leadership. She does have the support of the faculty. Looking forward, the faculty would like a leader who is an academic and who is committed to advocating for public policy in support of public education in the state.

Vote: To support extending the appointment of Dean Morrone and removing the interim title

Motion passed. In Favor: 14; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0; Recusal: 0