

MINUTES
POLICY COUNCIL
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
February 18, 2009
1:00 P.M.
School of Education
IUB Room 2140
IUPUI Room 3138E

****The following are summaries of speaker contributions****

Member Present: V. Akerson, B. Bull S. Carter, C. Chapman, B. Dennis, S. Eckes, F. Pawan, F. Robison, P. Sutton **Alternates Present:** N. Chism, E. Vallance **Dean's Staff Present:** T. Brush, G. Gonzalez, D. Hossler, B. Sherwood **Student Representative:** Evelyn Hamilton **Visitors:** John Applegate, Keith Barton, Diana Lambdin, Keith Morran

I. Approval of the Minutes from February 4, 2009 (09.30 M).

The motion to accept the minutes was unanimously approved.

II. Dean's Report

Dean Gonzalez updated the Policy Council on the fluid budget situation. The Ways & Means Committee, in the Indiana House of Representatives, approved a one year budget, instead of the traditional two year budget. In the budget, the Committee recommends a 1% increase for higher education. If the budget holds, the School of Education will receive a 1% increase in state appropriation. This, of course, does not take into account the federal stimulus package. Dean Gonzalez encouraged faculty members to work with one another to make sure that everyone is aware of funding opportunities in various areas of interest where the School of Education could be competitive.

Dean Gonzalez noted that undergraduate enrollment for the spring semester is stable - only a ½ % decrease when compared to last year. Tom Brush noted that efforts to recruit qualified students to apply to the direct admission program have yielded success.

Dean Gonzalez announced that he plans to engage in a series of conversations with faculty at department meetings. Gonzalez will discuss enrollment issues, the financial climate, and the ways in which the School of Education can respond to immediate and long term concerns. Gonzalez stated that the School of Education received proposals for the distance education initiative.

Don Hossler noted that there were a total of 6 proposals submitted. Of the 6 that were submitted, 2 were for training through Karen Hallett's office and 4 additional were for developing a program or set of courses. Three of the six programs were funded- 2 (IST and ELPS) were large at the \$75,000 range; 1 (LCLE) at the \$16,000 range.

Gonzalez thanked the committees and faculty members for their hard work on the proposals.

Gonzalez discussed the Core Campus draft agreement that has been prepared. The Core Campus Report asked the School of Education to submit an agreement, by June 30 to President McRobbie, to outline areas identified by the Core Campus Operations Committee about clarification of the role of the Dean and the Associate Dean, finances, among other issues. Dean Gonzalez, Associate Deans Hossler and Rogan worked on a draft proposal that has been forwarded to the Long Range Planning Committee. It is now the role of the Long Range Planning Committee to gather input from faculty to be incorporated in to the final agreement.

III. Old Business

John Applegate, Vice President for Planning and Policy, informed the Policy Council on the background ideas of the Campus Report. Applegate discussed the difficulty of merging one school across two campuses. The primary concern is integrating operations that take advantage of the resources, talents, and areas of expertise on the two locations. On the other hand, basic allocation of resources is not on a campus by campus level. The challenge for the core campus concept is how to coalesce the two structural units together.

Applegate also informed the Policy Council that the report began at the impetus of President Adam Herbert. Herbert asked a group of senior administrators to review the core campus and system schools. The administrators recommended that the system idea, with the exception of Social Work and Nursing, should be abolished. Applegate further said that, in the perception of the trustees and the president, the "core" concept between Bloomington and Indianapolis made educational sense and should be maintained.

Applegate further stated that the essential idea was transparency and communication. The purpose is to make sure that there is a clear understanding about various areas that are structurally different.

An extensive discussion ensued concerning structural issues on both the Bloomington and Indianapolis campus.

Nancy Chism updated the Policy Council on legislative issues. Chism noted that voting on H.B. 1419- requiring the governing body of a school corporation to develop a plan for improving behavior and discipline in a school corporation -was suspended until the 16th. Chism also informed the Policy Council that H.B. 1187- Cultural Competency –passed in sub-committee and is currently in the House of Representatives. H.B. 1582- School Counseling –has passed at the sub-committee level.

Diana Lambdin updated the Policy Council on the proposal for the new General Education requirements taking place on the Bloomington campus (09.32). The Indiana University General Education Program consists of two parts. The two-part structure recognizes that some experiences are better completed universally by all undergraduates and other components are better defined within the context of each degree program. Lambdin further noted that the faculty, in each degree program, is responsible for developing the most appropriate ways of incorporating these two components into each program. The Common Ground must be incorporated into every degree program. The Shared Goals are recommended for inclusion in every degree program.

An extensive discussion concerning general education requirements ensued.

III. New Business

Barbara Dennis presented, on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee from both Bloomington and Indianapolis, the Proposed Policy Regarding Placement of Unsolicited Letters in P&T Dossiers (09.26).

An extensive discussion concerning the Policy Regarding Placement of Unsolicited Letters in P&T Dossiers occurred.

A motion was made by Flip Robison to send the Proposed Policy Regarding Placement of Unsolicited Letters in P&T Dossiers (09.26) back to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

The motion was seconded, and the policy will be sent back to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned by Valarie Akerson at 3:06pm.