

MINUTES
POLICY COUNCIL
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
November 11, 2009
1:00-3:00 p.m.
IUB – Room 2140
IUPUI – Room 3138E

What follows is a summary of speaker contributions.

Members Present: R. Appelman, S. Eckes, P. Kloosterman, G. Lopez, S. Martinez, F. Pawan, F. Robison, J. Rosario, P. Sutton, A. Teemant; **Alternate Members Present:** C. Gray; **Staff Present:** J. Lutz; **Dean's Staff Present:** G. Gonzalez, P. Rogan, R. Sherwood; **Graduate Student Members Present:** C. Chesnut; **Guests Present:** B. Berghoff, C. Buzzelli, L. Mikulecky

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 7, 2009 Meeting (**10.14M**): unanimously approved

II. Announcements and Discussion

Dean's Report:

The good news regarding the state of the economy that was communicated during the last Policy Council meeting was based on what had been the current and positive outlooks on both state and national levels. However, more recent reports regarding the financial position show fiscal projections that are below what the state had anticipated. The last financial projection has the state potentially 8% below the projected income level for the year, if the most recent trend continues. It is now likely that sometime this year the Governor will announce a cutback on state appropriations for the universities. He announced a salary freeze for state employees for next year (continuing this year's freeze). Even though the University employees are not technically state employees, the University did follow the same recommendation for salary freezes last year and may do so again in the coming year. That has not been confirmed, but it is possible given the more recent financial picture.

The University and the School of Education are making preparations and provisions. The School of Education does not currently anticipate any layoffs or other things of that nature that are occurring elsewhere around the country and the state. The University is proceeding to recapture the funding for positions that become vacant through attrition; that is a University policy and has not changed. The reports, on the whole, show that the University is ahead of schedule in terms of the money that it has to sequester in case the stimulus funds are not replaced.

In regards to the REPA proposal: there was a third and final hearing on November 3rd in Indianapolis. It was extremely well attended—including a number of faculty members from the School of Education from IUB and IUPUI. An overwhelming number of reports and testimonies provided were suggestions for changes. Many things recommended were consistent with the School of Education's priorities: keeping the secondary education program as an option, removing credit hour restrictions, keeping the early childhood license area as a license in the

state, among other things. The professional standards board has been given a copy of all the testimony—over 1000 comments were submitted through the webpage, and a petition presented at that meeting had another 2400 signatures. The comments were given to the committee, which is broken up into subcommittees, each with a section of the proposal to work on. They are coming together again on November 18th, and at that point we should have a better sense of how the comments were incorporated into the next draft. The general sense is that at least some of those comments will be incorporated and that the next draft will be “friendlier” to schools of education. To what extent it will reflect all the concerns expressed is hard to tell. There are a lot of faculty members from IU and throughout the state that plan to attend the next meeting of Indiana Professional Standards Board on November 18th. It may not be the type of meeting where commentary is taken, but to be there, to listen, and to clarify and provide input if asked is important. A final draft will not be prepared or voted on at that meeting; the Rules should be finalized sometime in December, and at that point a final draft may be ready for a vote.

(Some discussion of REPA ensued.)

An article appeared in the Bloomington newspaper this morning (Wednesday, November 11) indicating that the University has established two graduation ceremonies starting in May: one ceremony for graduate students and one for undergraduate students. The Deans have not had input into that decision; based on quotations within the article, the President, the Provost, and some Trustees appear to be very committed to the idea, but not a lot is known right now.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

a. Distance Education Program Proposal: Masters of Science in Literacy, Culture, and Language Education (10.16):

L Mikulecky discussed the Distance Education Program Proposal Questions were raised regarding the degree itself and the cost (particularly in- and out-of-state tuition costs).

Result (10.16): The proposal was unanimously approved.

The Dean raised the point that REPA may affect all new degree programs.

b. Selection of Curriculum and Department Chair (10.17):

C. Buzzelli discussed two changes from the previous process to the procedure for selecting the new Curriculum and Instruction Chair.

Result (10.17): Unanimously approved.

c. Urban Education Ph.D. Program (10.18):

P. Rogan discussed the Program—its development, the rationale behind it, and the specifics of its content.

F. Pawan raised the point that the concept of urban education developed in the program proposal seemed specific to the context of the United States. P. Rogan acknowledged that more thought

needs to be given to the differences between urban education at the national versus the international level.

Other questions were raised regarding the handling of a minor area of study and the program's inquiry requirements.

Result (10.18): Unanimous Approval.

Part V. New Courses/Course Changes

P. Kloosterman announced that G510 and P516 were ready for remonstrance. Dean Gonzalez asked if the Policy Council should formally move to put forward these courses for remonstrance, so that there is an official record that the Council approved the courses and sent them forward for remonstrance.

Discussion of the remonstrance processes ensued.

F. Robison moved that the Policy Council open both courses (G510 and P516) for internal remonstrance on the IU Bloomington and IUPUI campuses.

P. Kloosterman made clear that this motion would take care of the internal remonstrance for both campuses, and that any need to revisit the remonstrance process in general would be revisited at a later date.

Result: F. Robison's movement was unanimously approval and the Policy Council officially opened both G510 and P516 for internal remonstrance on both IUB's and IUPUI's campus.

****P. Kloosterman adjourned the meeting at 2:23pm****