

MINUTES  
POLICY COUNCIL  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
January 27, 2010  
1:00-3:00pm  
IUB – Room 2140  
IUPUI – Room 3138E

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\*\*What follows is a summary of speaker contributions.\*\*

**Members Present:** P. Carspecken, B. Dennis, P. Kloosterman, G. Lopez, S. Martinez, P. Magee, F. Pawan, F. Robison, J. Rosario, P. Sutton; **Dean's Staff Present:** T. Brush, D. Hossler, M. McMullen, R. Sherwood; **Graduate Student Members Present:** C. Chesnut; **Guests Present:** D. Cross, G. Crow, J. Damico, K. Paulin, J. Smith, A. Stright.

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the November 11, 2009 Policy Council meeting were unanimously approved (**10.19M**)

### **II. Announcement and Discussion**

Dean's Report: Don Hossler

It does not appear that the current budget issues will have a draconian effect on IU—but the impact will still be negative. The University will feel the impact, but compared to many states IU and Indiana continue to be in relatively good shape.

Concerning REPA: given what was possible, the approved bill seems more positive than earlier drafts. It requires that program modifications be in place by July 31<sup>st</sup>—so there is a short timeline to get the changes in place. The state has said that if the plan is not submitted by the deadline, the University will not be authorized to license teachers in the particular areas for which modifications still need to be made.

Tom Brush discussed REPA and the changes that need to be made to IU's Teacher Education programs: The biggest changes that need to be made are at the elementary and secondary levels. At the secondary level, the most significant change is the content requirement. REPA requires that the content of a secondary education program be identical—in regards to course requirements—to the content requirement of an undergraduate major in that area. This change presents challenges, perhaps most of all in the area of Social Studies, where there are five areas of concentration from which students choose. If students only meet, for example, the requirements for a major in history they will not be prepared to teach other topics in social studies.

The most significant change at the elementary level is the requirement of a minor. Credit hour requirements have been removed from the REPA language, but there is a requirement for a minor: a content area or another area, including reading, ESL, technology, and some others. So, there is on-going discussion of what is meant by a "minor" and how it can fit into an elementary program.

Some discussion ensued regarding these changes and the challenges they present.

D. Hossler also noted that the state is starting to look more closely at Transition to Teaching programs.

Report from the IUB Direct Admit Committee: Tom Brush and Katie Paulin (10.27)

T. Brush and K. Paulin fielded questions concerning the Direct Admit Scholars Program.

Discussion ensued.

#### Administrative Reviews

P. Kloosterman announced that administrative reviews are due for Mary Beth Hines and Martha McCarthy; those reviews will be postponed to next year.

### **III. Old Business**

Diversity Topic: Josh Smith and James Damico

J. Smith and J. Damico presented on a Pathways Initiative Project focused on University High Academy in Indianapolis. J. Smith made the point that faculty should be encouraged to take on the challenge of building strong sustaining relationships, even though it may take several years for such relationships to produce any real scholarship benefits.

### **IV. New Business**

a. Elections of Nominations and Elections Committee

It was announced that Jacqueline Blackwell, Barbara Erwin, Jesse Goodman, Margaret (Peg) Sutton, and Elizabeth Vallance were nominated and accepted their nominations to the Nominations and Elections Committee.

A point was raised that the policy around nominations has changed: it is no longer a stipulation that you can only nominate a certain number of people. The Faculty Affairs Committee would like feedback on that policy change.

b. Proposal for Change in Sciences and Environmental Education Specialization with the Secondary Education Master's Degree Program (10.23)

R. Sherwood discussed the proposed changes.

Voted on and approved unanimously.

c. Proposal for Change in Educational Leadership Program Transfer Credit Requirement (10.24)

G. Crow discussed the proposed changes.

Voted on and approved unanimously.

d. Proposal from Agenda Committee for core campus course proposals (10.25)

P. Kloosterman presented the proposal. Some discussion ensued.

Voted on and approved unanimously.

e. Proposal from IUB Faculty Affairs Committee regarding faculty annual reviews (10.26)

A. Stright presented the proposal. Some discussion ensued. Concerns were raised by F. Robison. The proposal was beyond the authority of policy council but a vote was taken in support of the spirit of the recommendation. The vote was positive with three abstentions (F. Robison, J. Rosario, P. Magee).

f. Proposal regarding Grade Prerequisite Proposal for N101, N102 (10.21)

D Cross presented the proposal.

Voted on and approved unanimously.

\*\*P. Kloosterman adjourned meeting at 2:17pm\*\*