Minutes
Faculty Assembly, School of Liberal Arts

2:00-4:00 p.m., Friday September 20, 2013 LE 105


1. Meeting was called to order by Faculty Assembly President Enrica Ardemagni at 2:00 p.m.

2. The minutes from the meeting of 19 April 2013 were approved with one correction of the spelling of the word plagues to plaques.

3. President Ardemagni's General remarks:
   - President Ardemagni asked for a volunteer to serve as FA's parliamentarian; Marianne Wokeck volunteered. It was moved that Prof. Wokeck be appointed as the parliamentarian for the SLA FA, which was approved unanimously;
   - President Ardemagni announced that all FA Committee Reports should be submitted as soon as possible, if they have not already been submitted;
   - Conveners of SLA committees need to call for a meeting of their respective committees to appoint a chair of the committee by October 1 as stipulated by the new by-laws. The names of the newly appointed chairs should be submitted to Candy Smith for updating;
   - President Ardemagni called for a moment of silence in memory of deceased German faculty member Dan Nützel;
   - The SLA department Chairs and Directors introduced new faculty members faculty and staff. (See accompanying Powerpoint document).

4. Dean William Blomquist presented the annual State of the School address (See accompanying Powerpoint document).

5. Committee Reports:
   - GCC: Carie Foote presented the following:
     1. Department of Philosophy Proposal for a new Five-Year BA/MA Program (see proposal posted on website). The proposal passed unanimously;
2. Department of Philosophy Proposal for a new PhD Minor in Bioethics (see proposal posted on website). Questions were posed regarding staffing issues and which PhD programs would be interested in having a bioethics minor; staffing would not be a problem and such programs as Nursing and Health Science, among others, would be very interested in such a program. The proposal passed unanimously;

3. The Program in Medical Humanities and Health Sciences sought approval for a new Graduate Certificate in Medical Humanities and Health Sciences (see proposal posted on website); the proposal passed unanimously.

Daniella Kostroun gave the IFC report; Kostroun and David Craig are the SLA IFC representatives. The following points were made with respect to the first IFC meeting held on September 3, 2013:

1. the meeting included a celebration of Twenty-Years of Service for IUPUI faculty, including several members from the SLA;
2. there will be a town-hall meeting on campus in October about the plan to privatize parking at Indiana University;
3. There was a presentation from the organizers of the 2013 common theme project. The current project is entitled "Find your Voice and Hear My Voice: Creating Civil Conversation." One of the main texts for this project is Sara Hacala's "Saving Civility: 52 Ways to tame Rude, Crude, and Attitude for a Polite Planet." There will be an author presentation of this book in the Campus Center on November 13.
4. IUPUI will be acquiring the old Wishard Hospital buildings as part of its deal with Eskenazi health. These will be turned into laboratory and office space for schools at IUPUI. Preference will most likely be given to the medical school, given the location and former use of these facilities.

Kostroun further noted that she is on the IFC Research Affairs Committee. The purpose of this committee is to make sure that faculty have a say in the policies and decisions made about research at IUPUI. The IFC Research Affairs committee will be focusing on two things: 1. making sure the systems to support research work efficiently; and 2. making sure that decisions about the allocation of resources are done transparently. The Research Affairs Committee's agenda this year includes a review of internal funding mechanisms for arts/humanities (IUPUI and IU). Kostroun stressed that if SLA members have any thoughts and/or concerns about internal funding for arts/humanities that they would want brought to the committee to let her know. Marianne Wokeck then reminded the FA of the Faculty Council's useful website with respect to resources for funding issues.

6. Old Business: There was no Old Business to be discussed.

7. New Business

David Heard, Director of Career Development, gave a lively presentation on the impact his office can have on our students and the need for SLA faculty to support their students' career development, especially in light of the fact that 56% of SLA students did not have a job upon graduation, which compares with 88% of students from the Kelly School of Business. This needs to be addressed by active involvement, and Heard is available to help in any way he can.

Christine Fitzpatrick, Special Assistant for Strategy and Planning, gave an update on the IUPUI's Strategic Plan, which the Chancellor will announce on November 5 to the campus, and is expected to do so to the community in February 2014. This Strategic Plan will go through 2019, the 50th anniversary of IUPUI and is designed to contribute to the 2025 Indiana state deadline for meeting the goals for increasing graduates as set by President Obama and the Lumina Foundation. Input from the university is still valued, especially with regard to the
task forces involved in the transitioning of the plan to the implementation stage. David Craig asked about the place of urban research in the plan, as it appears that only health sciences related research are included. Fitzpatrick answered that no exclusion of research was intended and she will investigate this issue. Dean Gibau asked about what was included and/or intended by an 'inclusive campus climate' and asked for feedback on this issue.

8. President Ardemagni asked for motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes Faithfully Submitted  September 30, 2013

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