The meeting began at 12:30 PM, in Dean White’s office.

Present: Harrington, Blomquist, Snodgrass, Sutton, White, Wittberg

Agenda for the November Assembly (from liaison reports):

Blomquist: Graduate Committee reviewed and approved Philosophy Department’s proposal for a joint MD/MA degree in Biomedical ethics. This will need to be put on the agenda. There were no other agenda items from the other committees: the Academic Standards and Policies Committee is working on a policy concerning what counts as an elective and will have a recommendation in January on this.

Harrington: The IU Graduate Council no longer exists, so we must modify the section of the Bylaws that says a member of the Graduate Curriculum Committee must be on it. We need an SLA representative to the PRAC subcommittee on Assessment of Graduate Programs (Gail Whitchurch and Catherine Souch are on the main committee). Suggests we invite Annie Coleman from History to be on this subcommittee. This means she will also be on the SLA Graduate Curriculum Committee as a liaison, so there will be two persons from History on the SLA Graduate Committee. It was agreed that this was acceptable, and Susanmarie will invite Annie Coleman.

Snodgrass: The Agenda Committee had send Beth Goering, chair of the Teaching and Advising Committee, a letter regarding the importance of advising. The University Curriculum Committee met twice (once electronically) and looked at a number of proposals. They also discussed reminding the chairs that they (the chairs) are responsible for insuring that the syllabi follow the guidelines. The standards are published on the web and people still do not follow them. The Academic Affairs Committee met once, and mostly went through petitions to change grades from F to W. They want to establish clear guidelines for this.

Sutton: Technical Services met. Faculty Affairs met once and will meet again later today (10/7). The Library Committee has not met.

White: Trudy Banta will chair the Search Committee for the new Dean of Faculties. The search for the Vice Chancellor for Research will begin in November. The search for the new Vice Chancellor for External Affairs will begin in the Spring.

Commitment to Excellence funds have so far been largely given to the life sciences. There is a second call for proposals. SLA faculty are encouraged to apply, as long as the CTE takes a broad view of life sciences. Over the summer, Dean White was part of a deans’ subcommittee asked to put together a campus response to the Fiscal Planning and Advisory Committee’s prediction that monies would be flat and that expenses would rise. Overall, it
looks as though there will be a $10 million deficit for this year and next at the campus level, since the budget and the tuition are already set. Our school likely will assume through assessments 10% of this deficit (i.e. $1 million), so we must therefore be careful and efficient. The Chancellor is forming a Fiscal Futures team. A re-organization of AO is in the works.

Important to emphasize Mission Differentiation: IUPUI is the urban, research, and Health/Life Sciences campus.

We are doing 4 searches this year: in Sociology, Spanish, Anthropology, and Film Studies.

**Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Committees Proposal for Bylaw Reform:**
Committee members: Susanmarie Harrington, Sue Hyatt, and Enrica Ardemagni met on September 27, 2005.

Susanmarie presented the following recommendations to the Agenda Council:

1. Deleting student members from all committees except Academic Affairs, because it is extremely hard to recruit these members and their function is often not clear. Rather than doing this, the Agenda Council decided to ask committee chairs to meet each fall with officers of student government to share ideas and to pick student representatives for the relevant committees. Or Rick Ward and Amy Jones can be consulted. It was suggested that student reps NOT be picked for the Curriculum, Standards and Policies and Library Committees while they are being restructured.

2. The creation of a new Curricular Policies and Standards Committee, which would combine the functions of the Standards and Policies Committee, the Common Core Curriculum Committee, and the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The Agenda Council discussed how this new committee’s load could be reduced so that this would be feasible (e.g. streamlining the submission process by screening out incomplete course proposals). Perhaps Mike Scott could devise an online submission form parallel to the FARs. Also, is it really necessary to limit the membership of this committee to 5 persons? It was suggested that the members of the Agenda Council who are liaisons with the affected committees meet with the chairs to talk about this.

3. Depending on feedback from the campus Library Committee, the SLA Library Committee may be disbanded, since it seems to overlap with the functions of the departmental library liaisons.