

MINUTES
POLICY COUNCIL
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
March 19, 2008
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
School of Education
IUB – Room 2140
IUPUI – Room 3138E

** The following are summaries of speaker contributions**

Members Present: Akerson, Bichelmeyer, Bull, Carter, Chapman, Cummings, Helfenbein, Lewison, Lopez, Thompson, Yazzie-Mintz **Alternates Present:** none
Dean's Staff Present: Estell, Kloosterman, Gonzalez, McMullen **Staff Representative:** Novotny **Student Representatives:** Lahann **Visitors:** Anderson, Niggle, Morran

I. Approval of the Minutes from February 20, 2008 Meeting (08.25M)

The motion to accept the minutes was unanimously approved.

II. Announcements and Discussion

a. Dean's Report

Gonzalez gave a brief report on a recent "policy chat" hosted by CEEP involving several state legislators. The legislators addressed issues concerning the Property Tax Relief Initiative and Senate Bill 22. Specifically, the legislators discussed how those initiatives may affect state funded K-12 education, and their implications for higher education. The property tax initiative will lower statewide property taxes, while increasing sales taxes, thus potentially changing allotments for school corporation funding. Senate Bill 22 will allow for any person who has an advanced degree in a subject area to be licensed to teach in a middle or high school in that subject area, if the school declares that an area of shortage.

Another bill that was discussed concerned the creation of Early College High Schools, or dual-credit high schools throughout the state. Within these programs, high school students would be allowed to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously. While this bill was not officially passed, it was moved for consideration by a special committee and could have a significant effect on higher education institutions throughout the state, should it eventually pass.

Gonzalez also announced that the Spring Faculty meeting will be on Friday, March 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

b. Agenda Committee

Bull announced that the proposed changes to the Ed.D. and Ph.D. programs in higher education, which were conditionally approved at the last meeting, have now been fully approved. The changes that were required for full approval by the policy council were made and approved by Bull and McMullen.

III. Old Business

- a. Recommendation from Long Range Planning committee regarding election of agenda committee and chair of policy council (08.24)

Anderson presented on behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee. The committee's proposed changes to the operating guidelines include:

1. An electronic election of the agenda committee, which should occur immediately after the policy council elections for the upcoming year
2. An electronic election of the Agenda Committee chair immediately following the agenda committee election, by the incoming policy council members

Bull also reported that the LRP committee was reluctant to put in place specific rules concerning conditions under which elections/nominations could be refused by the nominated members. However, the committee also feels that the proposed changes to the election guidelines may curtail some of those difficulties. Some members pointed out that since there would be no nominations of members to the agenda committee (everyone will simply select their three choices for the agenda committee from the list of policy council members) it may be difficult to obtain a consensus on only three members. This may also allow for election of people to the agenda committee that for whatever reason are not able to serve on the committee, thus leaving the committee with the same problem it is trying to avoid, namely a drawn out and inefficient election process.

Bull pointed out that this proposal will need to be voted on twice, once at the current meeting and once at the next meeting. This is due to the fact that it will involve a change to the operating guidelines, which requires a vote at two consecutive policy council meetings, thus giving ample opportunity for faculty members to object to the changes.

A vote was held, the proposal was unanimously approved with no abstentions.

- b. Proposed Elementary Education Program Changes (08.21)

This proposal was postponed at the last meeting due to questions that could not be answered, given the lack of a representative from the Elementary Education program. Niggle and Estell presented on behalf of the Elementary Education

program at the current meeting. Two main questions arose about the proposed program changes at the last meeting, namely:

1. What will be the content and description of the newly required F200 course?
2. Will the newly required courses make the program requirements excessive?

Niggle reported that F200 will be a newly required course, although it has always been an elective course. The course is currently designed to facilitate a personal exploration of a career in teaching. Furthermore, while the current proposed changes will increase the required credit load to 131 hours, more changes are going to be happening in the program which will actually bring the final credit hour requirement down to 127 hours. Many of these changes need to be made in order to accommodate NCATE standards and the requirements of the Common Curriculum initiative.

Bull suggested that, given the additional anticipated changes to the program, it may be better to delay policy council approval until all proposed changes have been presented. Estell and Niggle pointed out that, while a delay in policy council approval would be acceptable, it is also imperative that the council address the proposal at the next meeting, given the very short timeframe the program is working under in order to meet state standards.

The council decided to postpone a vote on this proposal until the next policy council meeting.

- c. IUPUI Faculty Affairs/Budgetary Affairs recommendation concerning IUPUI guidelines for P&T dossiers (08.23)

Discussion of this topic was also carried over from the previous policy council meeting. Morran was present as a representative for the IUPUI Faculty Affairs/Budgetary Affairs committee.

The committee has raised concerns considering the dual requirements for faculty at IUPUI when preparing promotion and tenure dossiers. The main issues involve the maximum length of the candidate's statement and supporting documentation for teaching, research, and service. Specifically, IUPUI has a five page maximum for the candidate's statement and a 50 page maximum for sections III-V of the dossier, while IUB has no such limits imposed. Faculty members have expressed concern that the discrepant requirements between IUB and IUPUI requirements may result in a distinct disadvantage for IUPUI faculty dossiers.

The current recommendation proposes that IUPUI faculty prepare their dossiers in accordance with the IUPUI guidelines, but include any additional supportive documentation for teaching, research, and service (e.g., journal articles, grant proposals, syllabi, course evaluations, extended candidate's statement, etc.) in the

appendices of the dossier. This should serve to make the dossiers more equivalent to the IUB format.

Several council members suggested that IUB faculty members, with the much longer candidate's statements (typically 15-20 pages), may actually be at a disadvantage because statements are often too long and are sometimes less effective than a shorter, more concise statement. Discussion was held concerning the merit of shorter versus more extended dossiers. Issues discussed included the validity of requirements for both IUB and IUPUI dossiers, what committees should be charged with addressing the current discrepancies, and that campus-wide standards must be considered in addition to SOE/Departmental standards.

Bull proposed the following motion, in conjunction with those recommendations laid out by the IUPUI Faculty Affairs Committee:

1. IUPUI Faculty shall submit P& T dossiers in the IUPUI format (including the 5 page limit on the Candidate's statement).
2. All items included in the SOE checklist must be included in the IUPUI dossier, either in the body or the appendices
3. The SOE Promotions & Tenure Committee should become familiar with the IUPUI dossier requirements and recognize the distinctions between those requirements and the requirements for IUB dossiers

Cummings moved to accept the motion, Thompson seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the proposal was unanimously approved. The vote was 9-0.

Lewison suggested that these requirements should be posted on the SOE webpage.

d. Diversity Topic – debriefing of student testimony from January 23 meeting

The diversity topic discussion was postponed until the next meeting, due to time constrictions. Carter pointed out that this issue has been postponed for the past 2 meetings and requested that it be moved further up the agenda for the next meeting so as to not be pushed back again.

Bull adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.