

Indiana University - Fort Wayne
Faculty Council Minutes
April 3, 2020 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Faculty Council Members Present: W. Leeuw, C. Duncan, N. Reimer, B. Valliere, J. Nes, R. Sweazey, A. Boehm, N. Dicke,

Guests Present: A. Obergfell, B. Pratt, A. Martin, C. Painter, J. Bryant, N. Mann, A. Smiley, M. Cooper, S. Schory, R. Lash.

Faculty Council Members Absent: B. Salmon, L. Romines, M. Hines

Agenda Item I: Welcome and Call to Order: C. Duncan called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item II: A. Boehm, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, reported no officer nominations received. The two-year terms for N. Reimer, President, C. Duncan, Vice-President, and B. Salmon, Secretary, expire at the end of the spring semester. The slate of officer nominations was due April 1. In addition to the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of IUFW Faculty Council, representatives are needed to replace the two-year terms that expire for the unit representatives and standing committees. Nominations should be submitted to the Nominations and Elections Committee.

J. Nes has been nominated for Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Faculty Council (IFC) Academic Representative to replace N. Reimer whose term expires June 2020. A unanimous vote was in favor electing J. Nes for IFC Academic Representative to serve June 2020-2022.

Agenda Items III and V: Indiana University Fort Wayne (IUFW) Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Operations, A. Obergfell, reported the overall number of 260 students are left in the Purdue Fort Wayne (PFW) campus housing. The specific number of IUFW students left in the PFW campus housing will be reported next week.

Wireless internet access has been expanded on the PFW campus. Wireless access is available north of the Neff and Science Buildings Mall, inside parking garage # 3, and in the parking lot near the module's building which is near parking garage # 3. In these designated areas, students can access their PFW login the same as previously anywhere on campus. Students should not congregate in any of the areas and honor social distancing.

Commencement at PFW may be postponed. PFW and the Memorial Coliseum representatives are communicating about option for commencement. Herff Jones is offering a refund on caps and gowns as students make requests. Please refer students' questions about caps and gowns to K. Shanks.

IUFW students should hear about new information from their schools. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IU) intends to minimize confusion with the abundance of information distributed to students.

B. Pratt described Virtual Spirit Days' activities that Student Central initiated to engage and minimize tension students (favorite funny sock, favorite food, etc.). Innovative ways to check in with students using themes for meetings etc.

Vice-Chancellor Obergfell discussed the IUFW Crimson Care Account that will provide donations for students who have a need and submit an application for assistance. IU will assist in processing the student applications in a timely manner. This fund will be similar to the PFW Brown Ink Fund and intends to assist students with personal life emergency funding needs. The IUFW Crimson Care Account funds will not support students with tuition, books, etc. All IUFW faculty and staff will receive a message in the near future. Faculty and staff donations will be much appreciated. Stephanie will help coordinate the student applications.

The grading policies by IU and PFW for Pass/No Pass were described by Vice-Chancellor Obergfell:

- IUPUI/IUPUC/IUFW Policy: Once IUFW students receive their course grades, if their grade is C or higher, the students can request their grades to be issued as a "S." The "S" grade will not affect their GPA. The grade of "S" meets the degree requirement and counts for admission criteria. A comment will be inserted on the transcript. An assigned grade of D-, D, D+, or C- can be requested by the student as a "P" which also does not affect their GPA; however, the "P" does not count toward their degree. If a student earns a "F" in the class, the student then fails the class and cannot request a "P." Students can request the grade change to "S" or "P" by May 29th through the IUFW registrar office. See attached document for additional details.
- PFW Policy: The policy is similar to the IUFW policy except that a "P" may be assigned to grades of A+ through C- and "NP" may be assigned to D- through F. Teach out students will follow the PFW guidelines, and must request the switch from standard grade to pass/not pass option by May 1st. Refer to https://www.pfw.edu/offices/academic-affairs/documents/memoranda/OAA%20IOCGM%2020_07.pdf for more information

Advisors and program leaders will need to know from the Registrar if any students request the grade change to "S" or "P" too.

The IU tenure-track policy will offer an extension for tenure-track faculty due to the pandemic. Sabbaticals are also deferred for one year. Student evaluations for this spring 2020 semester will be administered although the student evaluation scores will not be included in the promotion and tenure merit unless the faculty chooses to include the scores.

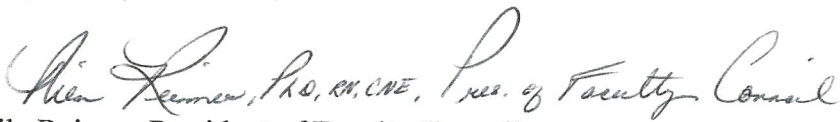
Community Service: Vice-Chancellor Obergfell discussed the State of Indiana's call for supportive healthcare assistance. Tutorials should be used to update retired or other healthcare professionals' skills as needed. Vice-Chancellor Obergfell will be meeting with our local hospitals to consider ways that IUFW programs would be of assistance.

Agenda Item IV: N. Reimer provided a brief summary of the past two months IUF Council and PFW meetings:

- IFC: Much focus on coronavirus updates, travel restrictions, focus on diverse student enrollments, teaching professor criteria, grievance policy update, new faculty affairs task force, diversity leadership at the campus, non-tenure track voting privileges, and global learning. For specific IFC minutes, please access:
<https://facultycouncil.iupui.edu/Meetings/Meeting-Minutes>
- PFW: Guiding principles for promotion of lecturers, lecturer voting privileges, senate membership allocating all major units at least one senator, committee membership representation. For specific PFW Senate Meeting minutes, please access:
<https://www.pfw.edu/committees/senate/meetings/agenda.html>

The IUFW Faculty Council meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nila Reimer, President of Faculty Council