

Long Range Planning Committee

2007-08 Annual Report

2007/08 Committee Members: Anderson, Jeffrey A (Chair 2008); Galindo, Enrique (Chair 2007); Niskode, Amanda Suniti; Reigeluth, Charles M.; Blackwell, Jacqueline; Torres, Vasti; Leftwich, Anne Todd; Fisher, Mary M; Sailes, Jadora; Partenheimer, Roberta

The Long Range Planning Committee, which met regularly during the 2007-08 academic year, serves in a support capacity to the Policy Council. To support continuity, the LRPC elects its Chair to serve a calendar year (CY) instead of an academic year. E. Galindo was chair in CY2007 and J. Anderson, who was invited to join the LRPC in 10/08, was elected chair for CY2008. The following major issues were considered during the 2007/08 academic year:

School of Education Retreat: The Long Range Planning Committee selected a location and set the date as October 17, 2008 at Bradford Woods. At its May 2008, the LRPC will begin working on the framework for the Fall retreat.

Core Campus: In fall 2007, the LRPC committee was asked to review the IU/IUPUI core campus issues and make recommendations for strengthening the relationships. Several meetings were devoted to these discussions. The Committee reviewed the documents and documents produced over the years by both the SOE and the university. With the installation of a new president IU last summer, core campus relationships were again being examined via a task force convened by the president. As a result of the creation of the task force, in January 2008, the LRPC was asked to hold off on making recommendations until it was clear what work was to be done by the Deans Task Force. In March, the Task Force issued a report with recommendations and the LRPC intends to meet in May 2008 to begin addressing how to best implement the recommendations of that report.

Timing of election for Policy Council: The LRPC was tasked with determining the procedures and qualifications for election of the Policy Council, Agenda Committee and the Chair of that Committee. After much discussion and review, the LRPC made the following recommendations, which were deemed to constitute changes to operating guidelines and therefore not require a change to the constitution. Elections would be held in two stages

Stage 1: The election of the agenda committee should occur immediately after policy council had been chosen for the upcoming year. Voting will be among the elected Policy Council for the upcoming year.

Stage 2: Election of agenda committee chair should occur immediately after the agenda committee is elected. Members of the incoming policy council will elect the chair of agenda committee electronically (from the 3 elected agenda committee members)

The Policy Council voted to approve this change at its March 2008 meeting.

Membership of the Agenda Committee: The LRPC also was tasked with determining if changes are needed to allow clinical faculty to serve on the Agenda Committee of the Policy Council. Currently, members need to hold tenure or tenure line status. After much discussion, the LRPC decided to wait until campus deliberations about the role of clinical faculty at IUB and IUPUI have concluded. Once campus deliberations are completed, the LRPC will revisit this issue.

Technology: The primary charge was to consider the technology issue as the LRPC proposes changes in the Constitution—whether there should be another standing committee of Policy Council on technology for teaching and learning or whether language should be adopted adding this responsibility to those of an existing standing committee. This emerged from recommendations at the faculty retreat two years ago related to strategic goal 4. The LRPC was asked also to keep in mind that whatever was decided would add responsibility to faculty (i.e., is an issue of faculty fatigue). After substantive review and discussion, the LRPC makes the following recommendation:

- Form a task force to develop a language that reflects the vision for technology for the strategic goals of the SOE
- Use a combination of asking for volunteers and identifying people who have the kind of experience and expertise in technology to be able to develop a powerful vision (combination of recruiting members and including volunteers)
- Invite graduate students with appropriate knowledge should be strongly considered and asked to serve on the task force (addresses issues of graduate student experience, involvement, and socialization) and to help with the issue of faculty fatigue.

Report submitted by LRPC Chair Jeff Anderson; April 21, 2008