

MINUTES
POLICY COUNCIL
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
November 12, 2008
1:00 P.M.
School of Education
IUB Room 2140
IUPUI Room 3138E

****The following are summaries of speaker contributions****

Member Present: B. Bull, C. Chapman, B. Dennis, S. Eckes, G. Gonzalez, F. Pawan, P. Sutton, C. Thompson **Alternates Present:** J. Anderson, R. Skiba **Dean's Staff Present:** G. Gonzalez, D. Hossler, B. Sherwood **Student Representative:** Paula Lahann, Kristina Moyer **Visitors:** Danielle DeSawal, Martha Nyikos

I. Approval of the Minutes from October 15, 2008 Meeting (09.14M)

The motion to accept the minutes was unanimously approved.

II. Dean's Report

Dean Gonzalez reported on the recent trip to China. The delegation visited six universities, two public schools, and a private school. The delegation was impressed with the quality of schooling. China gave us insight into how we could approach new techniques to make Indiana University more globally competitive. A follow up conference has been scheduled for October of 2009, which will focus on Higher Education Policy. This is in response to the dynamic and rapidly changing nature of higher education in China. Furthermore, this will allow the School of Education to forge new paths and build on existing relationships at a time when the president has declared internationalization as one of the highest priorities for the University. While the delegation was in China, the president was in Korea and later went to China, forging institutional relationships with Peking University. This will also help us develop relationships with the emerging economies in the world, which will help us address strategic priorities including diversity and advancing research.

Barry Bull commented that the hosts in China were most impressive and welcoming. Bull mentioned that he saw this as an opening for future exchange of graduate students and researchers. The Chinese government seems very interested in learning about us and looking for opportunities to place their students in our program.

Faridah Pawan commented that she was impressed at the public school level as to the extent to which multiple language learning was being

taught. She wishes that our schools emphasized foreign language and second language teaching. It was impressive to see them teaching content through English and putting it together in Chinese.

Dean Gonzalez discussed meetings with both the junior faculty at Bloomington and Indianapolis. Dean Gonzalez was impressed not only by the quantity, but the quality and diversity of the new faculty. Dean Gonzalez was also impressed with the connections that the junior faculties are making across campus. It is exciting to see the critical mass, enthusiasm, positive outlook and perspective they bring to IU and IUPUI.

Dean Gonzalez commented that the global economic crisis has created a great deal of concern. However, he would not describe our fiscal condition in the School of Education as a crisis. We will continue to address the economic challenges in a proactive manner. We must think about ways to enhance revenue or reduce cost in ways that do not adversely affect our academic mission.

Dean Gonzalez discussed the Core Campus Report. The president appointed a committee across the two campuses. He asked members of the committee to engage in discussion in how to clarify the roles that are affected by core campus relationship- more specifically, the dean versus the executive associate dean. The focus of this effort is to strengthen the core campus. A date of June 30th was set to present to the president an operations agreement in the context of the core campus.

The School of Education is celebrating its centennial celebration. The celebration will begin on Sunday afternoon. On Monday afternoon there will be a formal dedication of the school. Later in the week the national board of visitors will be on campus.

Fall Faculty meeting has been changed to Friday December 12th at 10am.

III. Old Business

Agenda Committee wants to continue to stress diversity in faculty and staff. For this meeting we focused on the Disproportionality Report (09.18). A presentation, by Professor Skiba, ensued about the report its findings, and recommendations.

Specific recommendations include: mandating cultural competency standards for education, increase teacher training and practicum experience in urban environments, have the Indiana Department of Education develop guidelines to identify bias in textbooks, train teachers to confront issues in race and culture, increase availability of scholarship

opportunity to attract students of color, increase parent involvement, increase technical assistance to schools.

A lengthy discussion about the report and its recommendations followed.

Agenda Committee will meet and decide where the Policy Council will go from here.

IV. New Business

Martha Nyikos gave a presentation, on behalf of the International Programs Committee, about rewording the mission statement to include an aspect of international.

Extensive discussion was held. The Policy Council agreed that the most germane word is “global.”

A motion was made by Barry Bull to adopt the word “global” to the mission statement. Thus making the mission statement read, “In a global, diverse, rapidly changing and increasingly technological society.”

The motion was unanimously passed.

Danielle DeSawal presented changes to courses U547 (Professional Development and Student Affairs) and U553 (College Student and the Law). For U547 there is a new description, as well as a requirement on the program of study that it is 3 credit hours instead of 2 credit hours. It would also not be repeatable credit hours. For U553 the recommended change is to move it from 1 credit hour to 2 credit hours. The justification is the increasingly complex nature of education and law. There are more issues that personnel have to be aware of, and 1 credit hour did not seem to suffice.

A motion to change the program of study, the retirement of U544, the formal changes to U547, U551, and U553 was made.

Discussion was held.

The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chalmer Thompson at 2:51 pm.