

Minutes  
University of Southern Indiana  
Administrative Senate  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
3 p.m. UC 2206

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Andrea Gentry, Chair; Ingrid Lindy, Vice Chair; Caylin Blockley; Steve Bridges; Katherine Draughon; Teresa Grisham; Jacob Hansen; Erica Hooker; Jeanne McAlister; Britney Orth; Tricia Tieken; Ashley Watson

**ABSENT:** Jaclyn Dumond, Secretary/Treasurer; Larry Back, Past Chair; Maggie Carnahan; Angel Nelson

**GUEST:** Dr. Darren Sorrells; Ms. Angie O’Nan

**GUEST**

Dr. Darrin Sorrells, Learning Assistance Specialist, Academic Skills, was introduced and shared his work on the Peer Coach Program for USI Student Athletes. Peer coaches are current student-athletes who are positive role models for their peers, working mostly with new students and transfers. USI’s Peer Coaching Program is well known and respected among DII, DIII, and NAIA. This program has helped prepare our student athletes to be successful in and out of the classroom.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 4, 2018 minutes approved (Hansen motion, Grisham 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

**Chair:** Andrea Gentry

I would like to begin my report by congratulating Angel Nelson, USI class of 2005, and now USI class of 2018 with her MBA. Congratulations, Angel.

As you are already aware, USI Provost Dr. Ron Rochon was named the 4<sup>th</sup> president of the University. It was a privilege for me to serve on the Presidential Search Committee as the representative for Administrative Senate. My service on the search committee concluded on March 9 when the committee handed over its work to the USI Board of Trustees. I’m glad Administrative Senate was a part of the search committee and certainly hope this group will continue to have representation on all future presidential search committees.

I attended the President’s Council meetings on April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Faculty Senate Chair, Peter Whiting, informed the Council that Faculty Senate has posted all Faculty Senate meeting minutes from 1973 to now on the Rice Library website. Additionally, Faculty Senate Chairs from 1973 to present are listed. For quite some time, Administrative Senate has made all of its meeting minutes available through the Admin. Senate website.

Dr. Rochon shared the following:

- The statistics major has been approved and is on the Commission for Higher Education's agenda.
- USI will do a site visit to India for a possible partnership between a large Indian company and the USI online MBA program.
  - This company has over 200 facilities and USI was attractive because of accreditation and price point.
- Dr. Rochon is sequestering faculty at the end of this spring semester to discuss student evaluation of teaching.
- The process of promotion for USI librarians will be taken to Faculty Senate in the fall of 2018.
- USI is entering a partnership with Fisk University, located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Andy Wright reported credit hour production for the summer is up. Headcount for the fall 2018 semester is in line with last year's figures.

Also, Steve Bridges reported an incident that took place on campus where a member of the campus community thought a person on campus was possibly carrying a gun. If you are ever suspicious of anyone or anything on campus, you should always immediately call the emergency number for Public Safety. Even if you are unsure, always err on the side of contacting Public Safety so they can investigate.

Additionally, all USI employees received the message from Dr. Bennett last week regarding the messages of hate distributed recently on campus. All of you are leaders on our campus and I encourage you to be a friendly, welcoming face to the entire campus community, as well as guests to campus. Through our friendly approach, we can highlight the kindness that is so much a part of the USI culture. A smile or greeting of hello can go a long way.

The Milestones of Service reception will take place on Wednesday, May 16. I know Ashley will be mentioning this in her report today.

I hope all of you will attend the Staff Council's picnic on Wednesday, May 23. It's a great opportunity to converse with many of our colleagues on campus.

The Executive Committee of Administrative Senate met on April 10 to discuss two items for consideration. Under new business today, I will report on these items forid blio vcsine tar1( )10.6(M39(d)J2r)ii v e Ex2.2(e

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4. As an update regarding retiree/sabbatical honorees, we have decided with input from the Executive Committee to work with those special honorees in a case by case scenario. The committee will reach out to those who have retired or are on sabbatical and let the honoree determine whether they would like to be included. This will go into effect for the 2019 Milestones event.

laws. The first resolution