

USI Faculty Senate Minutes  
February 2, 2018  
UC 2207

*Senators Present:* Richard Bennett, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Chuck Conaway, Charlotte Connerton, Ron Diersing, Wes Durham, Ethel Elkins, Matt Hanka, Nick LaRowe, Brett Long, Peter Whiting.

*Visitors:* Dr. Rochon, Amy Chan-Hilton, Shelly Blunt.

*Substance Abuse Committee*

Motion to accept two candidates unanimously approved. Kevin Alton was voted as member, 6-5.

*Ideas for USI Budget Hearings*

- Budget hearings going to focus on areas of growth for the university.
- One proposed item from senate: a general increase for travel funding, with per diem increase being part of that.

*Follow-up on Academic Partnerships Presentations*

- No comments, but open meeting on Feb. 9th about a charge to discuss AP.

*Report from Provost Office*

- Presidential Scholars on campus. Increase in candidates/interviews over past several years.
- Fisk University: There last Friday and have identified opportunity to partner and create 4 assistantships to be part of graduate programs for seniors at Fisk. Students will get undergraduate degree at Fisk and then graduate at USI. Trying to create a possible cohort. Provost presented opportunity for possible faculty exchange or maybe week-long residency for special topics.
- New launch of new commercial for Super Bowl Sunday. Students and faculty part of the ad.

*Report from Faculty Senate Chair*

- President Council: Planning on transition for Cindy Brinker.
- Council of Chairs: Chairs and Directors handbook being put together.
- Academic Planning Council: Deadlines not enough time for committees to meet before November BOT meeting. Proposing earlier deadline for new programs. Revisions, etc, deadlines would not change. Guidelines for certificate programs are also being established.

*Approval of Minutes - January 19, 2018*

Minutes from the last meeting were approved, w/ 1 abstentions.

*Travel Per Diems Charges*

- Motion to send both charges to Economic Benefit Committees is unanimously approved.

### *New Business*

- Peter Cashel-Cordo: In fall we passed a motion to create a table of charges. Without change in by-laws, there may not be continuity in maintaining the list.
  - Who should maintain it. Maybe have a library?
  - Peter Whiting: Right now, senate minutes are in the digital archives of the library. Secretary needs to send the minutes to Jennifer Green to put in archives.
  - A link to archives on the senate website would be useful. Should have reports as well.
  - Need someone to organize them and scanned, maybe by student worker.

### *Adjournment*

Meeting was adjourned: 3:25pm.