Voting Members present: Mihran Tuceryan (President), Bart Ng (Dean of the School of Science), Teri Belecky-Adams (Biology), Barry Muhoberac (Chemistry and Chemical Biology), Yao Liang (Computer and Information Science), Vitaly Tarasov (Mathematical Sciences), Stephen Wassall (Physics), John McGrew (Psychology)

Non-Voting Members present: Jyoti Sarkar (Past President), John Watson (Secretary)

1. President Mihran Tuceryan called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. The agenda was adopted unanimously (see page 3).
3. President Tuceryan asked for comments on the minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. President Tuceryan turned the floor over to Dean Ng for his comments.
   - Raises. Dean Ng noted that his office’s work on the new raises was completed August 8. He is still awaiting approval from higher administration. His opinion was that the result was better than anticipated but also addressed historical inequities. Hopefully it will be possible to do more this spring.
   - Resource Planning Committee (RPC). Dean Ng pointed out that he serves on the RPC. He believes that the next Dean of SOS should likewise be a member of this important campus-level committee. One aspect of the RPC’s current work is to re-evaluate the formula by which assessments (taxes) are determined for the Schools. One reason for the re-evaluation of the formula is that the IUSM believes they pay too much in assessments. The current formula is based on 3 drivers, each contributing one-third of the final assessment: personnel FTEs (approx. $7,000 per employee), student FTEs, and space (the number of square feet assigned to a school). The proposed model has 8 drivers and handles the role of space very differently. The new model incorporates a factor into space assessment that takes into account the number of people that use the space. Early tests of the proposed model indicate that IUSM would pay $10.5M less in assessments. Herron and the School of Law would also pay less. In contrast, the SOS would pay $1.5M more in assessments. This would have obvious negative impacts on the SOS budget situation. Dean Ng feels that the way space is handled in the new model is incorrect and may have negative influence IUPUI’s ability to negotiate indirect cost rates with the federal government. Moreover, the spreadsheet for calculating assessments with the new model has not been made available to him despite his requests to receive it.
   - IU Foundation Development Board. Dean Ng noted that IUB ended its fund raising campaign of 6 ½ years on Oct. 8. IUPUI then started its IMPACT campaign over the weekend at a poorly attended event. The IU Foundation created two additional boards (Fiduciary and Development). Dean Ng and Dean of Nursing were invited to address the Development Board to increase their awareness of IUPUI. He circulated copies of his presentation in which he stressed that we are the only campus in the Indianapolis area with research-active faculty.
• SOS Development Team. Dean Ng noted that the SOS Development Team has been bolstered in terms of staffing, with the goal of raising $16.5M, and longer term goal of $40M. The 3 main uses for the funds are for scholarships, endowed chairs, and a new building.

5. Fall Faculty Assembly. President Tuceryan suggested that we meet on Friday, Nov. 5 from 9-11 a.m. President Tuceryan suggested that the agenda items include: an update on the Dean search by Scott Evenbeck (chair of the SOS Dean’s search committee), a presentation by Chancellor Bantz, a briefing by the architect for the SELB1, and introduction of the new Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education (if possible). We should also discuss the interim revisions of the SOS P&T document, and can discuss them again at the spring Faculty Assembly. President Tuceryan noted that the most recent revisions of the P&T document were enacted by a vote among the voting faculty. Dean Ng suggested circulating the interim version of the P&T document to the faculty before the Faculty Assembly.

6. Discussion of the P&T document. President Tuceryan suggested that any further discussion of the P&T document wait for the Faculty Assembly.

7. Announcements. There were none.

8. Old Business – P&T representation for Lecturers. President Tuceryan asked John McGrew to summarize the previous query about this issue. McGrew explained that Psychology was changing their guidelines for promotion to Senior Lecturer. During this process, the department thought that Senior Lecturers should be involved in promotion from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer. Dean Ng expressed the view that a school-wide policy about this issue would be desirable. Vitaly Tarasov explained that in Mathematical Sciences, Senior Lecturers already participate in the review of Lecturers seeking promotion by forming a sub-committee that submits a letter of evaluation to the department P&T committee. Tarasov mentioned that one area of concern is bringing the standard for recommendation letters up to that of the campus standard in terms of the referee being at “arm’s length.” He expressed the view that the chair of the Senior Lecturer sub-committee could present the case to the department subcommittee. John Watson asked whether Senior the yearly reappointment decisions for lecturers by the P&T committees and department chair should involve Senior Lecturers. President Tuceryan tasked the Steering Committee members to find out how their departments handle the role of Senior Lecturers in promotion of Lecturers.

9. President Tuceryan adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.
School of Science Steering Committee Meeting
October 11, 2010, 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.
Chemistry Department Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2010 Meeting
   (http://sos.science.iupui.edu/facultycouncil/SCMin2010-09-13.pdf)
3. Dean’s remarks
   a. Raises
   b. Resource planning committee discussions
   c. IU Foundation board for SOS
4. Fall faculty assembly planning and agenda
5. Discussion of P&T document changes and procedures.
6. Announcements
7. Old business
   a. P&T representation for lecturers.
8. New business