SoS Steering Committee Minutes
February 20, 2015

Voting Members present: Dean Simon Rhodes; Michelle Salyers/Psychology & President; Randall Roper/Biology; Barry Muhoberac/Chemistry and Chemical Biology; Snehasis Mukhopadhyay/Computer and Information Science; Andy Barth/Earth Sciences; Vitaly Tarasov/Mathematical Sciences; Horia Petrache/Physics; Dennis Devine/Psychology
Non-Voting Members present: Associate Dean Doug Lees; Associate Dean David Skalnik; Associate Dean Kathy Marrs; Associate Dean Jeff Watt; Lin Li/Earth Sciences & Secretary; Bethany Neal-Beliveau/Psychology & Past President; Rosemarie Temple (note taker)

1. Approval of agenda
President Michelle Salyers called the meeting to order. She announced the agenda was distributed and asked if there were any changes or additions. There being none, there was a motion to approve the agenda, a second, and it was approved.

2. Approval of minutes
President Salyers mentioned that Secretary Lin Li had sent the minutes prior to our meeting. She asked for any concerns or changes necessary to the minutes. None were presented. There was a motion to approve the agenda, a second, and it was approved.

3. Updates from Dean’s Office
Dean Simon Rhodes gave the committee updates on the Schools’ ongoing Search and Screens. Overall, the Searches are ongoing; and the committees are following the Strategic Plan for hiring for our school. One important fact to mention is that every Search Committee had women included in the list of finalists.
    - **Psychology**: has hired two tenure-track faculty; the Lecturer search did not result in a hire, and will be initiated again.
    - **Earth Science and Computer Science**: interviewing candidates now.
    - **Physics**: bringing in candidates now.
    - **Chemistry**: bringing candidate in for 2nd visit and almost ready to make an offer.
    - **Math**: several going on for a few positions (interviewing and close to making an offer).

It is Budget season and we are planning for the next budget cycle. Two budget meetings are scheduled. Our school already had one meeting, numbers and budget projections were presented, and questions were asked. The second meeting is called “cluster conversations” where several schools are presented with budget questions. Each school answers questions and discusses that with other deans at IUPUI and with university administration. Dean Rhodes distributed a copy of the report and reviewed it with the committee.

Dean Rhodes gave an update on the IU/Purdue relationship. He explained Purdue administration recognizes that Purdue has neglected us and trustees are aware of this. Dean Rhodes stated he received a phone call from the Purdue provost and they will be working together to create a better relationship with the school.

The Purdue Trustees meet quarterly, and the next meeting will be at IUPUI. Dean Rhodes explained that at these meetings the Trustees have a dean give a presentation, followed by a question and answer time. The Provost asked Dean Rhodes to attend and give a “state of the school” presentation.
on our school. Dean Rhodes responded he would be happy to give the presentation. A discussion followed.

4. Election of Representative for IUPUI Faculty Council and Election for Secretary/President Elect

President Salyers explained the need to vote for IUPUI faculty council representative. The vote went out today to faculty with the deadline of March 2nd. Votes will be tallied and one candidate will be elected.

President Salyers stated no one has come forward for the positions of Secretary or President Elect for the next year. Elections are scheduled for the spring. If no candidates are interested, someone from the Steering committee would have to step up. President Salyers asked committee members to encourage faculty in their department to serve.

Dean Rhodes mentioned Steve Randall is currently a member of the Budgetary Affairs committee. His term will expire. Our School rules state one representative for our school is required. It was suggested that at next month’s meeting the committee could have Steve come and talk about the position. President Michelle Salyers mentioned that is on our agenda for next month. She will invite him to attend an upcoming meeting.

President Salyers announced Associate Dean Doug Lees will also be scheduled at the next meeting to discuss the SoS Budget. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have Doug give a review and update members with new budget information, since last year.

5. Old Business

Collaborative research

Lin sent out this paragraph (see handout). President Michelle Salyers stated the subcommittee met and created a proposal. She then sent the proposal to the Steering Committee, and received some editing suggestions. She sent it back to the Unit Committee who reviewed it, and agreed that it was okay. If approved by the Steering Committee, it will then be presented at the April Faculty Council meeting for a full faculty vote. President Salyers asked if there was any questions, edits, or discussion. Dean Rhodes suggested substituting the words “concrete products” to replace “concrete artifacts” with We discussed that the Steering Committee will need to determine and present to full faculty which section, which paragraph, and which line, etc. Vitaly Tarasov recommended changing the last sentence to be less directive regarding letters from collaborators. A discussion ensued. Michelle will inform Raje (Unit Committee) the items discussed by the Steering Committee, will make recommendations for where this should be inserted, consistent with campus guidelines, and suggest that the wording be less restrictive in the last sentence. We will vote at next meeting.

Peer Review of Teaching

President Salyers stated that several faculty from the Unit Committee, Snehasis and herself met to discuss this topic. Unfortunately Pratibha Varma-Nelson was not able to attend this meeting. After the meeting Michelle shared the information with Pratibha, who responded with a request to meet again with Anusha who spoke to the Steering Committee from the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). President Salyers stated she will meet with them in a week or so, and will update the group on progress.
Emergency Procedures
Kathy Marrs stated a second training session would be held on March 6, at 1:00 pm, in LD Building, room 010. She will send a “save the date” email, to all Science faculty, instructors, staff and graduate students. Randall Roper suggested sending the reminder using the correct title, “Armed Assailant/Active Shooter”.

6. New Business
None

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, a second, and it was approved.