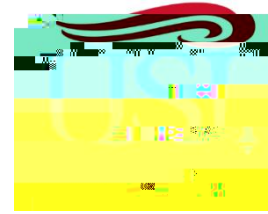


Faculty Senate meeting

25 February 2022



Senators in Attendance: Rex Strange, Kimberly Delaney, Brandon Field, Curt Gilstrap, Stephanie Young, Charles Conaway, Michael Strezewski,

Harrington, Laura Bernhardt, Matthew Hanka, Jason Fertig, Shannon Pritchard,

Chair's Attendance: Mohammed Khayum, Kristalyn Shefvland, Edie Harding, Amy Chen, Julia Cannon, Lucas Jul Davis, Alisa Holen, Kyle Mara, Stella Ress, Aaron Trump, Cassa Henry

Held via Zoom meeting, called to order 2:32 pm.

Approval of 2021 minutes, 11 February 2022:

- o Minutes of the previous meeting approved unanimously.

Chair's Report: Rex

- o COVID-19: The steering committee has been working on a report on shielding, and contact tracing. The overwhelming advice was to NOT change our current policies on masks and hand sanitizer. The Steering Committee agreed with this advice and announced earlier this week.
- o 2. Development Council: This council is responsible for determining the funding needs of the University to have donated by private gifts to the ISI Foundation. This council also assists in planning solicitation of funds from private sources. The council has formed a team to consider how private gifts can help programs, departments, and/or centers. The council is responsible for sending their team's report to the Board of Trustees.

Provost's Report: Dr. Khayum

- o The Provost's office is currently working with a predictive retention model. The results will be reported in a different office on Monday to get a feel for what we do in terms of retention. With groups of faculty, advising center staff, and student management board, will also be in contact with them.
- o With regard to rethinking the mask policy: there was something sent to the administrative staff in Liberal Arts, asking for feedback. The task force has consistently followed the CDC guidance, and it sounds like there will be new CDC guidelines that include more metrics, and the Task force will try to follow CDC guidance as closely as possible.



The bill attempts to impair constitutionally-protected freedom of expression by imposing so-called divisive concepts such as sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin. This bill would also threaten educators who encourage their students to think critically. We stand in support of our K-12 colleagues in Indiana and around the country who face such limitations and interference with their roles as educators. We affirm our support for the school board members of the Ross-Shell High School in the School Corporation that is involved in the attempt of a divisive education policy, standards, and practices. In addition, we recognize that HB1124 is a threat to the education of our children and the future of our state.

The University of Southern Indiana stands in favor of state employees and will continue to support and promote HB1124.

- The statement was approved with one in opposition and one abstention.
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will send Ben the contact information for the sponsors Indiana Senate

: 10/11/2022 at 2:30 pm. No subsequent meeting (no kidding) and

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