

University Faculty Council  
Minutes for November 28, 2017  
Prepared by Alex Tanford, co-chair

1. The fall semester meeting was convened at 1:30 pm in University Hall Room 1006, IUPUI, by Alex Tanford because President McRobbie had been delayed.

2. Professor Tanford gave notice as required by Roberts' Rules of Order that at the next meeting of the UFC on February 27, 2018, he intended to propose amendments to the UFC bylaws as follows:

a. To change the date by which the Co-Secretaries must determine the number of representatives each campus may elect to the UFC from October 15 to December 31, and to change the date by which each campus must have elected its representatives from the last day of February to a day that comports with campus schedules, and to change the date on which the newly elected UFC begins its term from immediately after the last scheduled meeting of the UFC to July 1.

b. To change the date by which the newly-elected UFC must elect its executive committee from August 1 to September 1, to clarify that these elections are in addition to the automatic membership on the Executive Committee for the chairs of each campus' executive committee, and to change the co-secretaries positions from ones elected by the UFC Executive Committee to being automatically filled by the presidents of the IUB, IUPUI and regional faculty councils.

c. To add to the duties of the three co-chairs in section 6 that they appoint a parliamentarian and secretary.

d. To add a section that specifies a procedure for amending the bylaws in the future that allows the Executive Committee to give notice of a proposed bylaw in the regular agenda for a UFC meeting so no one will have to bore you in the future by giving oral prior notice to comply with Roberts' Rules of Order.

He invited members of the UFC to send any comments on these proposals to him or any other member of the UFC Executive Committee.

3. Agenda item 1: Professor Tanford then turned over the gavel to President McRobbie who called the UFC into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Non-members left the room and the recording was stopped.

4. Agenda item 2: The UFC resumed its public session and the minutes from March 28, 2017 were unanimously approved with one abstention by Professor Tanford, who noted that the document consisted on a verbatim transcript of the prior meeting and not actual minutes, and that the Executive Committee would address this in the future.

5. Agenda item 3: None of the co-chairs had anything to report. Documents U1-2918 (Membership of UFC), U2-2018 (UFC Committees), and U3-2018 (Summary of actions taken in 2016-17) were distributed.

6. Agenda item 4: President McRobbie in his remarks read a statement expressing concern that proposed changes in the federal tax code would have a significant harmful effect on graduate students and pledging that the university was doing everything it could to prevent those provisions from becoming law. He commented briefly on other legislative issues that might affect the university, including internet neutrality, DACA, and federal research funding.
7. Agenda item 5: In response to a question, President McRobbie said that the policy change that makes faculty eligible for parental leave after 1 year instead of two was in the process of being implemented.
8. Agenda item 6: Rachel Applegate distributed document U4-2018 containing notice of a proposed revision to the bylaws that would create a standing budgetary affairs committee to advise CFO Sejdinaj. After discussion and suggestions by UFC members, a motion to refer it to the Executive Committee to prepare a revised draft was approved by unanimous vote.
9. Agenda item 7:
  - a. Jenny Kincaid, Emily Springston and Alex Tanford presented document U6-2018 containing amendments to the policy on sexual misconduct (UA-03) concerning the role of faculty boards of review. A motion to approve the amendments passed unanimously.
  - b. Jenny Kincaid, Emily Springston and Alex Tanford presented document U8-2018 containing an amendment to the policy on faculty boards of review minimal standards (ACA-17) referencing the new procedures adopted for sexual misconduct hearings. A motion to approve the amendments passed unanimously.
10. Agenda item 8: Alex Tanford presented document U9-2018 containing proposed changes to policy ACA-03 concerning faculty representation on Board of Trustees meeting to align the policy with current practice and Indiana law regulating Trustees meeting. A typographical error in the document was pointed out -- it referred to "the senior co-chair," when it was supposed to refer to "a co-chair." The language with that correction was approved unanimously.
11. Agenda item 9: Alex Tanford presented for discussion a document U10-2018, a proposal to create an ad-hoc committee to consider revisions to the policy ACA-09 on search and screen procedures for administrators.
  - a. Professor Tanford reported that the Executive Committee had already approved the creation of the committee, to consist of Tanford, Marc Mendonca and Jenny Kincaid. No objection was made by any member of the UFC.
  - b. The UFC discussed the principles that should guide the committee.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.