Indiana University
Bloomington Faculty Council
Summary of Actions Taken 2018-2019

Amendments to BL-ACA-A8
Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted several amendments to the Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty. The following amendments were ratified by vote of the Bloomington faculty on November 26, 2018.

- Reduce the number of at large seats from 10 to 5 and eliminate the seats dedicated to untenured faculty;
- Reduce the number of representatives from the Graduate and Professional Student Government from 4 to 3.

-Adopted September 4, 2018
Read the updated Constitution

Amendments to policy BL-ACA-H30
Grades and Grading policy
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted amendments to the policy to state that Honors or Graduate sections of a course may be taken to satisfy a petition for Extended-X, and to clarify who may approve a request to have Extended-X apply to a course with variable content.

- Approved December 4, 2018
Read the updated policy

Creation of policy BL-ACA-H41
Fresh Start through Academic Renewal policy
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a new policy to remove the record of past poor grades from a student’s cumulative Program GPA for students seeking to return to IU Bloomington after a period of at least three years.

-Adopted December 4, 2018
Read the policy

Establishment of Non-Tenure-Track Election Units
In accordance with the amended BL-ACA-A8, Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty, the Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a proposal for allocating seats for non-tenure-track faculty. The new election units include 3 seats for all researchers, 3 seats for all clinical faculty, 1 seat for Professors of Practice, and 8 seats for Lecturers subdivided into the Kelley School of Business (2 seats) the College (4 seats) and all other units (2 seats).

- Adopted February 5, 2019

Resolution Against Harassment
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a resolution calling for bystander training for faculty, students, and staff, in response to recent incidents of harassment.

-Adopted February 5, 2019
Read the resolution
Resolution Concerning Voting Rights of Full-time Non-Tenure Track Faculty
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a resolution stating the Council’s support for faculty appointed in the clinical, lecturer, professor of practice, research scientist, research scholar, and future full-time non-tenure track appointment categories, as defined by the Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty, to have voting and participation rights at the campus, school and department levels that are equivalent to the voting rights of faculty appointed in the tenure-track category, subject to the university’s “60-40 rule.”

-Adopted March 19, 2019
Read the resolution

Amendments to policy BL-ACA-H29
Exam Policies
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted amendments to the policy to update outdated references to library exam files, streamline and clarify language around the free week, and update and clarify procedures for absences.

-Adopted April 2, 2019
Read the updated policy

Amendments to BI-ACA-A8
Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted an additional amendment to the Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty to clarify how the “60-40” rule applies to the composition of the BFC. The amendment will need to be ratified by the Bloomington faculty before it is in effect.

-Adopted April 2, 2019

Amendments to policy BL-ACA-H9
Indiana University Bloomington General Education
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted amendments to the policy to make “Diversity in the United States” a required Shared Goal.

-Adopted April 16, 2019
Read the updated policy

Amendments to policy BI-ACA-A9
Bylaws of the Bloomington Faculty Council
The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted several amendments to the Bylaws of the Bloomington Faculty Council.

- Changed position titles throughout the bylaws, e.g. “Election Supervisor” to “Director of Faculty Council Offices”;
- Added specificity, e.g. instead of unit, "election unit" throughout the bylaws;
- Codified the practice of first/second readings for proposed policies and policy amendments;
- Aligned election procedures with current practice; removing overly specific language about timing;
- Made necessary changes related to recent constitutional amendments e.g. elimination of nomination procedures for untenured at-large representatives;
Amendments to policy Bl-ACA-A9
Bylaws of the Bloomington Faculty Council
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- Changed the responsibility of creating the ballot for a new nomination committee from the Nomination Committee to Executive Committee
- Recommends that all alternates be chosen from same election unit as the member they are substituting for
- Added requirement to consult with the Executive Committee when adding members to a committee or creating subcommittees

-Adopted April 16, 2019
Read the updated Bylaws

Rescission of policy BL-ACA-I9
IU Bloomington Procedures for Regulation of Financial Conflicts of Interest

The Bloomington Faculty Council rescinded policy BL-ACA-I9 since it was overridden by the newly consolidated University-level policy UA-17, Conflicts of Interest and Commitment.

-Adopted April 16, 2019