

Bloomington Faculty Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Zoom Chat Transcript

- 14:33:38 From Lisa Thomassen : Spectacularly beautiful on the IU campus today.
- 14:35:30 From Jim Ansaldo : Well done, Elizabeth!
- 14:44:15 From Margaret Lion : Go US!!!!!! We are teaching!!!!
- 14:45:18 From Ann Elsner : Thanks for the testing!!!
- 14:55:42 From lgales@iu.edu : Linda Gales here from CWA 4818. Sorry to be late, and apparently no camera today either.
- 15:06:44 From Diane Henshel : no questions on chat yet
- 15:07:09 From J Duncan (he/him) : I have a question.
- 15:07:18 From Diane Henshel : Israel then J
- 15:11:47 From Alan Bender : @J. A majority isn't needed, is it? Instead, just who received the most votes?
- 15:12:08 From Diane Henshel : Alan next, after Israel
- 15:12:48 From Alan Bender : I don't need to ask orally; I'm just trying to clarify J's question. I'm on CARC, so we'll deal with it.
- 15:13:11 From Diane Henshel : OK - fine - being referred back to CARC anyway
- 15:13:42 From J Duncan (he/him) : @Alan: My first concern is for there to be a process. My second is that the process is democratic and encourages a majority.
- 15:14:22 From Diane Henshel : J- majority of whom? The whole faculty never votes for any candidate.
- 15:14:29 From Sally Letsinger : I don't need to ask orally, either, but have a concern about the "invite" a person to never stop serving - which could actually pressure someone to never stop serving.
- 15:14:43 From Alan Bender : @J: Thank you!
- 15:15:15 From Diane Henshel : @CARC - please notice Sally's question for you also.
- 15:15:31 From Rachael Cohen : I saw it Diane. I will make sure its noted
- 15:20:26 From Lauren Robel : I will be so happy to be able to do that!
- 15:22:40 From Kurt Zorn : i would like to make a friendly amendment
- 15:22:54 From Diane Henshel : Kurt is next
- 15:23:02 From Kari Johnson : Where/how will students be notified "electronically" about this policy? Not a question I need to ask aloud, just curious.

15:23:10 From Diane Henshel : Kurt than Kari

15:23:11 From Rachael Cohen : @J please note the minor spelling error in 4. It should say "is" instead of "if"

15:24:15 From Diane Henshel : @Rachel - I assume that is editorial and doesn't need to be addressed by the BFC formally?

15:24:43 From Rachael Cohen : no its a super small editorial and can just be changed

15:25:21 From Diane Henshel : Kari still next after we vote on Kurt's suggested edit

15:30:23 From Lisa Thomassen : This voting is awesome

15:30:33 From Lisa Thomassen : Kudos

15:32:41 From Lisa Thomassen : except for this semester, it would happen asap, I would imagine.

15:36:14 From Kari Johnson : Yes. W vs WF are important clarifications.

15:38:00 From Lisa Thomassen : Hence the relief for instructors, as well.

15:38:38 From Diane Henshel : Mark then Colin

15:38:51 From Diane Henshel : Colin

15:38:55 From Lisa Thomassen : As a reminder, should this pass, instructors need to be notified about this, as well, for this semester

15:40:08 From Diane Henshel : Lisa - Canvas banner would tell everyone involved in teaching.

15:41:16 From Kari Johnson : Yes - if it is retroactive, does that automatically change Fs to Ws if the student requests, or does it open up the need for a change of grade form submission on the part of the instructor?

15:41:23 From Lisa Thomassen : True. I do think it a courtesy to call attention to this, since I'm not convinced we all read our banners. Instructors will get questions, or see students disappear off the roster. If this goes out to DUS, which I am sure it will, they can push it to their faculty.

15:42:29 From Lauren Robel : We'll communicate with everyone.

15:43:39 From Kari Johnson : Students who passed but think the grade will hurt their GPA may opt for this.

15:43:45 From Cate Reck : I support the spirit of this policy. However, this concerns me that certain populations will use this as an "out" to drop an individual course where they do not like their final potential grade. This could be abused easily in high-anxiety classes (e.g., pre-med coursework). Pre-med students take withdrawals with regularity, so they know the implications and will easily drop a course in a moment of panic (i.e., earning a B or lower). We already have high W rates in several science courses (20-40%), and it concerns me these numbers may increase dramatically.

15:44:15 From Diane Henshel : Cate seems next - Kari - do you want to vocalize too?

15:45:32 From Kari Johnson : I think Cate's comment is in the same spirit as mine. I'm happy to defer to the conversation that stems from her comment/question.

15:45:53 From Alan Bender : @Cate: Great question/point, Cate. You're making me realize that I'm a bit confused about who may apply for a W. I guess that anyone can?

15:46:29 From Diane Henshel : Yes Alan - anyone can

15:49:07 From Diane Henshel : To correct - specifically UG only

15:59:34 From Sameer Patil : bye all