

Minutes of the Bloomington Faculty Council

February 11, 2025

Minute items correspond with their numerical designation on the meeting agenda. Each item includes a time stamp to indicate its place in the audio recording of this meeting. Recordings and other materials relevant to Bloomington Faculty Council meetings are available through the Meeting Materials links on the [council website](#).

The Bloomington Faculty Council held its regular biweekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 11, 2025, in Presidents Hall. The meeting came to order at 2:30 PM with Faculty Provost Rahul Shrivastav acting as Presiding Officer and Professor Dana Anderson acting as Secretary.

1. The Council moved to approve the minutes of its January 28, 2025, meeting. The motion carried. [0:30]
2. Associate Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Jessica Lester read a memorial resolution for Emeritus Professor of Political Science Russel L. Hanson (1953–2022). Professor Hanson is remembered for achievements that range from being the first winner of IU’s Outstanding Young Faculty Award to his extensive and impactful outreach with public schools. [1:01]
3. Faculty President Danielle DeSawal presented the business of the Executive Committee. Main items included counsel for delegates regarding the selection of alternates to attend BFC meetings; and a reminder that the Executive Committee welcomes faculty input regarding items to be considered for placement on upcoming meeting agendas. [5:30]
4. Provost Rahul Shrivastav presented the Presiding Officer’s Report, in which he shared impressive national rankings for online programs at both Kelley School and the School of Education; congratulated recent NSF grant recipients; and noted that IUB has now reached an all-time high in undergraduate applications, totaling approximately 73,000. As per faculty request, the Provost also indicated that there are no new UA-10 violations. [9:15]
5. The meeting was opened for questions and comments from delegates. A motion was advanced by Associate Librarian Julie Hardesty “that the council request the executive committee to consider placing on a BFC meeting agenda this semester, a proposal that considers adding into the bylaws a provision that requires new business to be on the BFC meeting agendas.” The motion carried by simple majority, 20-18. [16:20]
6. Student Affairs Committee Co-chairs Bryant Paul and Catherine Sherwood–Laughlin, along with IU Student Government Representative Veronica Salama, presented their Proposed Changes to [BL-ACA-H28](#) Faculty Instructional Responsibilities, which focused on the submission of syllabi to Canvas in a timeframe that would reduce the frequency of W grades. [32:14]
7. The meeting was opened to discussion of the Report of the Student Affairs Committee. [49:43]

8. Faculty Affairs Committee Co-chairs Cassie Coble and Jonathan Michaelsen presented their Proposed Changes to [BL-ACA-D22](#) Grievance and Review Procedures of Bloomington Academic Appointees. [1:02:40]
9. The meeting was opened for discussion and for a vote regarding the changes proposed by the Faculty Affairs Committee. A motion was made by Professor Beth Buggenhagen to further amend the policy language to clarify its relation to policy UA-10. The motion did not carry. An additional motion was made by BFC President Ex-officio Colin Johnson to return the policy to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further consideration of the prior motion. The motion carried. [1:10:56]
10. Vice President of University Relations Michael Huber and Associate Vice President for State Relations Angela Smith Jones presented an update on recent legislative developments, along with a reminder that the most up-to-date news from their office is available both on their website and by subscribing to the University Report via their [website](#). [1:23:50]
11. The meeting was opened to questions and comments regarding the above legislative developments. [1:19:06]
12. David Daleke, Dean of the IU Bloomington Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Health Sciences; Carissa Ciampaglia, Graduate School Bloomington Ombudsperson; and Student Academic Appointees Affairs Committee Co-chairs Carolyn Calloway–Thomas and Matthew Jackson presented their SAA Stipend Report: Minimum, Average, and Total Compensation. Items included IUB’s successful commitment to offering SAA compensation packages that rank in the top half of the Big 10. Their remarks also welcomed and introduced IUB’s new Ombudsperson. [1:44:54]
13. Council discussion of the SAA Stipend Report was forewent given insufficient time.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

The next meeting of the Bloomington Faculty Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2:30–4:30 PM, in Presidents Hall of the Franklin Hall building.

Materials from this meeting and all prior Council meetings, including agendas, minutes, audio recordings, and transcripts, are available on the [Faculty Council website](#).

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