

Minutes of the Bloomington Faculty Council

January 14, 2025

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The Bloomington Faculty Council held its regular biweekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, January 14, 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 November 19, 2024 meeting. The motion carried unanimously. [0:30]
2. Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Carrie Docherty read a memorial resolution for Professor David McKay (1944–2023). Professor McKay taught economics for 37 years, retiring in 2008. In addition to receiving several National Science Foundation Grants for his work, he was also a very active member of Christ Community Church and a generous purveyor of homemade maple syrup. [0:59]
3. Faculty President Danielle DeSawal presented the business of the Executive Committee. Main items included an update on the Chancellor search; an update on revisions of UA-08 Establishing University Policies; a discussion SEA-202 and plans for determining IU’s compliance with its requirements regarding tenure and promotion; and a reminder that the Office of the Vice President for University Relations will be holding their 2025 IU University Relations webinar on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 11.30 to 1 p.m. Eastern. [04:36]
4. Provost Shrivastav presented the Presiding Officer’s report. His remarks addressed campus-wide efforts to provide universal definitions for experiential learning and the designation of EL courses; the appointment of Dr. Robert Barry as Dean of the School of Education; and policies regarding campus surveillance and campus closure due to severe weather events. [11:02]
5. The meeting was opened for a question and comment period regarding items that had been submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration [24:34]
6. Vice President for International Affairs Hannah Buxbaum presented her report on the activities of International Affairs. [33:09]
7. The meeting was opened for a question and comment period regarding the International Affairs report. [50:52]

8. BFC Parliamentarian Chase McCoy, in his capacity as Chair of the Constitution and Rules Committee, discussed proposed changes to BL-ACA-D9 Bylaws of the Bloomington Faculty Council of Indiana University [01:00:05]
9. The meeting was opened for questions and comments regarding proposed changes. [01:07:43]
10. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Vasti Torres and Colin Johnson, Co-chairs of the Long-range Planning Committee, discussed the revision process for general education, along with recommendations for experiential learning and first-year seminars. [01:11:19]
11. The meeting was opened for questions and comments regarding the remarks of the Long-range Planning Committee. [01:30:03]
12. Vice Provost for Enrollment Management David Johnson and Assistant Vice Provost & Executive Director of Admissions Sacha Thieme presented their report on transfer students at IU Bloomington [01:42:47]
13. With no time remaining for questions and comments, the meeting adjourned at 4:31.