

Minutes of the Bloomington Faculty Council

October 15, 2024

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The Bloomington Faculty Council held its regular biweekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, October 15, 2024 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 October 1, 2024 meeting. The motion carried unanimously. [0:19]
2. Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Carrie Docherty read a memorial resolution for Professor Roman Zlotin (1940–2023). Professor Zlotin first taught at IU for the then School of Public and Environmental Affairs and later accepted an appointment in the Department of Geography, where he served as Senior Lecturer until his retirement in 2019. [1:00]
3. Faculty President Danielle DeSawal presented the business of the Executive Committee. Items included a review of the procedure for submitting items to the Executive Committee for consideration during BFC meetings; an update on policy preparations regarding Senate Enrolled Act 202; and a reminder that the search committee for the Chancellor position is still accepting nominations for consideration. [4:30]
4. Provost Shrivastav presented the Presiding Officer’s report. Items included an update on the status of the Intensive First-Year Seminar program and its relationship to the pilot of IUB’s new first-year seminar program; an update on the enforcement of the UA-10 Expressive Activity policy; the announcement of upcoming searches for the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and the Dean of the Hutton Honors College positions; and a discussion of the university’s plans for land acquisition in the Washington, D.C. area. [12:19]
5. The meeting was opened for a question and comment period regarding items that had been submitted for the consideration of the Executive Committee. [29:45]
6. The meeting was opened to a general discussion of the UA-10 Expressive Activity Policy. [39:40]
7. Benefits Committee Co-chair Amy Minix, Benefits Committee Co-chair Nancy Nelson, and Benefits Director Christan Royer reported on new and upcoming developments regarding benefits. Their report emphasized the importance of long-term planning for the rising costs of benefits. They also reviewed under-utilized benefits services and encouraged their use. [54:30]

8. The meeting was opened for questions to the Benefits Committee. [1:17:30]
9. Associate Vice President of Learning Technologies Anne Leftwich, Deputy Chief Information Officer Aaron Neal, and Technology Policy Committee Co-chair Dan Hickey updated the Council on the status of the OneMail consolidation of all university email accounts. They underscored the importance of reducing the total number of university email accounts in order to both lower related expenses and to better shield the university community from phishing and other online exploitations. [1:20:30]
10. The meeting was opened to questions and comments regarding OneMail and its university-wide implications. [1:32:17]
11. Professor Rashad Nelms, Interim Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion reported on his plans for complementing the many effective diversity initiatives that IU already enacts. He reiterated the importance of such initiatives, especially in light of their impact for students, given that going to college often proves to be a student's first genuine encounter with diversity. [1:34:23]
12. The meeting was opened to questions and comments for Vice President Nelms. [1:50:00]
13. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.