Representatives in Attendance: Randy Albright, Sohel Anwar, Sally Catlin (alternate), Lauren Christopher (alternate), Mohamed El-Sharkawy, Pat Fox, Afshin Izadian, Dan Koo, Feng Li, Hongbo Liu, David Mannell (alternate), David Nickolich, Chris Rogers, Joseph Wallace, Bill White (alternate), Paul Yearling, Likun Zhu

Guests: Doug Acheson, Eugenia Fernandez, John Schild

Presiding: Joy Starks, President

Meeting began at 11:00 a.m.

Joy Starks asked everyone to look at the agenda for the meeting, and the minutes from the November 2014 meeting after there was a quorum. Copies of the minutes are not distributed at the meeting, but can be found at G:\COMMON\Senate documents in addition to being distributed to all faculty members via the E&T Faculty email at least one week prior to each Faculty Senate meeting. A motion was made to accept the November 2014 minutes; all approved. The agenda for the December 2014 meeting was approved.

Dean’s Report

Dr. Russomanno – No Report

Associate Dean’s Report – No Report

Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs

Research

Razi Nalim was out of town. Joy Starks read Dr. Nalim’s report:

1. Total awards YTD is $3.1 million.

2. School DIAC research committee is looking for top 3 research areas to focus its efforts for this year. Please send any suggestions to Razi Nalim. Next year will change.

3. Also noted, IUPUI Research Day is Friday, April 17, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., IUPUI Campus Center. Please let Dr. Nalim know if your department can offer a lab for touring on this day.

Graduate Programs

John Schild presented the following report.

Schild continues to meet with Graduate Education Committees by invitation. Schild is happy to come for a few minutes to relay information. Last Friday the school submitted their block grant application to campus. Graduate Education on this campus is not a heavily budgeted line funded item. There is some base budget money in the Graduate School at IUPUI, but each year we need to request to the campus some additional funds to help us move our graduate programs forward. We have a little bit of a challenge
because campus is pushing for the monies to be directed to develop Ph.D. programs and support Ph.D. students. We made a very concerted effort as we did last year in the application to make sure they understand that our graduate programs have value to the campus and city, and state of Indiana. We requested funding in addition to the Dean’s match (1 to 3), to support 55 full time graduate students. Some departments will direct that money directly to one full time RA position, others spread the funds around. As a reminder, Schild noted this happens every year. Dr. Janice Blum, Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education at IUPUI, is very keen about understanding where every dollar is going that is being awarded to schools and what the productivity is. As you go through the year, and you know that certain block grant students are now being supported by block grant monies received last year and will receive them spring 2015-fall 2015 semesters, they want to see evidence of productivity. Productivity will include poster presentations, papers, and conference proceedings, along with other areas as outlined in the application per department.

There was a little delay in one of the courses for approval at West Lafayette, ME 65100 – Advanced Finite Element Analysis for Solids, but this course has now been approved. As a response to this course, one of the ME element courses will be retired. There is an established committee process for reviewing all course requests and applications. The graduate school has been trying to make sure there is due diligence from the committees to look at the value and need of the course regardless of where it is being offered. This was a good outcome, and it showed they were paying attention to what we are doing at IUPUI.

Monday, December 15, is the internal deadline for our self-study for the MS Tech review. The review will occur in February. Schild is hoping the departments have their reports or rough drafts available to him by Monday. Schild hopes to have a rough draft to Karen Black’s office by Friday, December 19 so they can review it to give any suggestions on the self-study draft to make it more helpful for the reviewers.

Last item, there is an initiative on campus through the library to establish an IUPUI campus open mechanism. Schild does not know a lot about it, but they are looking for at least one representative from our school to participate or at least be identified as an open access point person. If anyone is interested please let John know via email. Schild can send you the documents, which can give you an overview of the structure that is in place now and what has been approved so far at the Faculty Council. Joy Starks noted that Charlie Feldhaus may be interested in this.

**Student Affairs Committee** – No Report

**Budgetary Affairs Committee** – No Report

**Computing Resources Committee (CRC)** – No Report

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee** – No Report

**Graduate Education Committee** - No Report

**Grievance Board** – No Report

**Faculty Affairs Committee** - No Report

**Nominations** – No Report

**Resource Policy Committee** – No Report

**Undergraduate Education Committee** - No Report
**IUPUI Faculty Council** - No Report

For details on IUPUI Faculty Council meetings and meeting minutes, please look at their website: www.iupui.edu/~fcouncil.

**Purdue Intercampus Faculty Council and Purdue University Senate** – No Report

**Purdue Intercampus Faculty Council**

**Purdue University Senate**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**IUPUI Day of Remembrance**

Joy Starks noted the IUPUI Day of Remembrance for students, faculty and staff that passed away this last year was held on December 1st. Quite a few faculty and staff attended from our school. Several students and faculty were honored and friends or family members could speak about their loved ones. This event was during Mitch Daniels visit, which Joy was unable to attend. Starks asked John Schild to give a brief summary of President Daniels visit.

**Mitch Daniels Visit – Overview**

John Schild advised that many from the school attended the event and it was extremely well attended from School of Science faculty also. Schild found the meeting to be very positive. The only feedback Schild has heard is that the meeting was a fact finding mission and identifying some of the key elements of areas that needed to be looked at. Provost Debasis (Deba) Dutta attended the meeting with Mitch Daniels. Provost Dutta will probably be the point person. At some point Schild believes faculty will be asked to verify their role in the overall Purdue mission. Provost Dutta is new to Indiana and IUPUI. President Daniels has a little more background with IUPUI. President Daniels was looking for areas and ways he could help the campus. One item of concrete feedback that Schild received was that he was delighted that the meeting was not a complaint session. Schild noted there is a unification that has taken place that took place between Calumet and Northwest campuses, and is now Purdue Northwest under a single administrative structure. President Daniels has been involved in this over the past several years and has also made trips to IP Fort Wayne, and both of these areas have involved some difficult sessions with faculty and administration. President Daniels was pleased with the positive atmosphere during his meeting here.

Pat Fox commented on the last question asked regarding the rumor that Purdue would not be on this campus. Schild advised that the School of Science graduate program represents 1/3 of what they have at West Lafayette. This is not a small thing. We are fulfilling the mission in a way that West Lafayette cannot do in terms of degree program and production and contribution to the state of Indiana. President Daniels knows the value of our undergraduate programs and how they benefit the state of Indiana. Schild got the sense that Provost Dutta was here to help us; but most at the meeting felt they did not need their help, but just to clear the way for IUPUI to run their programs. Schild sent an email to Provost Dutta after he left thanking him for his visit and in between the lines stating that our faculty are prepared to move forward but need help with some of the obstacles we come across. The graduate program in our school needs just a few upper level adjustments in how our graduate program should be run, where degrees should be awarded, and how. We lose a lot of tuition dollars at the MS and Ph.D. levels to Purdue. Schild
noted that IP Fort Wayne talk about going red; IP Fort Wayne is under the administrative control of West Lafayette just like we are under the administrative control of IU in Bloomington. There is talk about possibly IU taking over that campus at Fort Wayne. Schild advised Fort Wayne has done a lot of building improvements over the last few years and there is a fair amount of debt, and IU may have not been aware of this debt.

Joy Starks questioned if anyone brought up the issue of IU adding an engineering program. President Daniels noted that he is aware of it, but did not go into any detail.

The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 11:00 a.m. in SL 165.