

Minutes

Bloomington Faculty Council Minutes for November 16, 2021

1. The Bloomington Faculty Council held its regular biweekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, November 16, 2021, in Presidents Hall. With Interim Provost John S. Applegate as Presiding Officer in the chair and Professor Spang acting as secretary, the meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. and the [minutes](#) of the previous meeting were approved.
2. Vice-Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Eliza Pavalko offered a [memorial resolution](#) for Professor Della Jeanne Patterson (1934-2013).
3. On behalf of the Executive Committee, and in response to communication from the Bloomington chapter of the AAUP, President Marietta Simpson read the following statement into the record: "In light of concerns about last year's Presidential Search, the Executive Committee [of the Bloomington Faculty Council] re-affirms that academic freedom is a foundational premise of shared governance and that it applies to faculty members' statements about the university as well as to their research and teaching. We expect that the university as an institution would always stand behind faculty in support of academic freedom, intellectual independence, and the exercise of individuals' First Amendment rights. We would regard any violation by the university of its own policy on the privacy of faculty emails as an affront to the principles of academic freedom and shared governance; we hope and assume that the University would always be willing and eager to clarify its role whenever faculty correspondence was demanded as 'public records.'"
4. Scott Libson, on behalf of the Budgetary Affairs Committee, introduced Executive Vice Provost for Finance, Budget, and Strategy, Professor M.A. Venkataramanan and Associate Vice Provost and Director of Budgetary Administration and Planning, Aimee Heeter, who outlined the campus budget process.
5. Professor David Daleke as Vice Provost for Health Sciences and Mary Ann Valenta from IU Health reported to the Council about the planned opening of the new Regional Academic Health on December 5.
6. The Presiding Officer introduced a guest speaker, Lem Watson, Provost's Professor of Education and acting Associate Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs, who updated the Council on campus anti-racism initiatives.
7. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Rebecca L. Spang, Secretary