

WHEREAS the *Indiana University Academic Handbook* states:

Consultation of the Faculty

The Trustees and administration should consult the faculty concerning:

- A. Planning and decisions regarding physical resources.
- B. Budgets.
- C. Faculty compensation and benefits.
- D. Establishment of administrative offices affecting the academic mission, and appointment and review of administrators filling those offices.
- E. Any other aspect of University operations having an impact on the academic mission.

Consultation of the faculty shall be through representatives authorized by faculty governance institutions. Consultation should occur sufficiently in advance of action to permit faculty deliberation.

(Constitution of the Indiana University Faculty, Article 2, Section 2.3, IU Academic Handbook, August 2008, p. 32)

WHEREAS the current economic environment will likely provoke profound changes at Indiana University Bloomington and require important decisions with long-term consequences to all parts of the Bloomington campus.

WHEREAS the economic environment will also provide opportunities for positive change and innovation.

WHEREAS the faculty of Indiana University Bloomington affirms its commitment to work with administrators to make good decisions and to develop responses to challenges that are appropriate and effective.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomington Faculty Council calls on the trustees of Indiana University and on university and Bloomington campus administrators to follow the policies of the Academic Handbook, with special attention to those concerning faculty consultation.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Bloomington Faculty Council understands that truly substantive consultation with faculty requires discretion and responsiveness on the part of the faculty and its leaders and pledges to act quickly on requests for consultation and to work constructively with our administrative partners.