

**Minutes of the  
Third Regular Meeting of the Seventeenth Senate  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne  
November 10, 1997  
12:00 P.M., Kettler G46  
Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of October 13, 1997
3. Acceptance of the agenda - S. Hollander
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
  - a. Indiana University - M. Downs
  - b. Purdue University - J. Hersberger
5. Report of the Presiding Officer - W. Frederick
6. Committee reports requiring action
  - University Resources Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 97-6) - S. Argast
7. New business
8. Committee reports "for information only"
  - Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No. 97-3) - S Hollander
9. The general good and welfare of the University
10. Adjournment

Presiding Officer: W. Frederick  
Parliamentarian: J. Clausen  
Sergeant-at-Arms: N. Younis  
Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Senate Members Present:

C. Aikman, S. Argast, R. Berger, F. Borelli, W. Branson, C. Champion, N. Cothorn, V. Coufoudakis, V. Craig, L. DeFonso, M. Downs, R. Emery, F. English, L. Fox, S. Frey-Ridgway,

J. Grant, P. Hamburger, J. Haw, J. Hersberger, L. Hess, S. Hollander, A. Karim, M. Kimble, B. Kingsbury, M. Lane, D. Legg, C. Leiserson, R. Manalis, M. Nusbaumer, D. Oberstar, D. Pfeffenberger, A. Pugh, D. Ross, H. Samavati, D. Schmidt, J. Silver, J. Tankel, M. H. Thuente, R. Tierney, A. Ushenko, D. Vasquez, J. Vollmer, M. Wartell, D. Weakley, J. Wilson, L. Wright-Bower

Senate Members Absent:

V. Badii, R. Barrett, J. Brennan, C. Humphrey, K. McDonald, K. O'Connell

Faculty Members Present:

L. Balthaser, G. Hickey, W. Ludwin, D. McCants, B. Steffy, J. Violette

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Attachment:

"Executive Memorandum C-19: Grievance Procedures for Academic Personnel" (SR No. 97-4)

["IPFW Helmke Library Collection Development Policy"](#)(SD 97-6) (available on WWW)

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Visitors Present:

A. Alesia, N. Beckley, D. Bezdon, J. Dahl, J. Johnson, N. Newell, A. B. Sidibe, J. Sterling

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1. Call to order: W. Frederick called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of October 13, 1997: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:

S. Hollander moved to approve the agenda as distributed.

The agenda was approved.

4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:
  - a. Indiana University: M. Downs had no report.
  - b. Purdue University:

J. Hersberger: I have a few brief items:

1) Don Schmidt has been elected to the Purdue University Intercampus Faculty Council.

2) I would like to salute the School of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science. This school gathers over \$60,000 in scholarship monies for students every year.

3) I have in my hand a copy of the long-awaited Purdue University revised grievance procedure. [See Senate Reference No. 97-4] I would like to ask that a copy be attached to the minutes for your perusal. Many of the suggestions that were made on this campus appear to have been incorporated into the document. Every good side has a down side: I may not be smart enough to understand this procedure and so I will need everybody's help in trying to figure out what actually happens.

4) Everyone has received a Beneflex Enrollment Form. We get them every year. I would like to point out that this year, apparently, some faculty members have had the rules changed retroactively. This may be a small number of faculty members; it may not be as big an issue as it could be. But, I suspect, if you're one of those people, it is a big issue in terms of retroactive caps on pre-existing conditions. I am not really sure what to do about it. It does not seem right, nor does it seem fair.

5) Every fall I get up and talk about the fact that we don't get paid until September 15. That does not seem right, nor does it seem fair. Nor does it seem defensive. I don't know what to do about it. In case you haven't been paying attention, another situation will be surfacing just like this in the coming months. It does not seem right, fair or defensible when we don't get paid on the last working day of December; but we never do. For some reason, we get paid in January. This year, in case you weren't watching, there will be forty days between Paychecks: November 26-January 5. The message I got from West Lafayette was that we want to make sure everybody knew in case you have some of those pesky automatic deductions--like your mortgage payment on the first of the month--that you would like to make sure is covered.

6) There have been lots of things reported in the newspapers. There have been comments made by university personnel and there have been letters to the editor about people whom I care about in terms of this community. They characterize faculty members who are standing up and speaking as "malcontents." I was prepared to resign today as Purdue Speaker of the Faculty because, frankly, I am tired of the administrative culture at Purdue University.

My wife suggested that I should not and I am going to pay attention to her. I would just like to suggest that when people like Bill Frederick, Mike Downs and David Fairchild, who have spent much time caring about the faculty and students, make comments, they should not be dismissed. They are not malcontents. They are the people who have been faculty leaders and who have cared about this campus for far longer than I have.

Thank you.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer - W. Frederick: W. Frederick had no report.

6. Committee reports requiring action - University Resources Policy Committee (SD 97-6) -

S. Argast.

S. Argast moved to approve SD 97-6 (IPFW Helmke Library Collection Development Policy).

Seconded.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

7. New business:

S. Hollander moved to approve E. Leonard as a replacement member on the Continuing Education

Advisory Subcommittee and L. Hite as a replacement member on the Library Subcommittee.

Seconded.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

8. Committee reports "for information only" - Agenda Committee (SR No. 97-3) - S. Hollander:

S. Hollander presented SR No. 97-3 (Items under Consideration by Senate Committees and Subcommittees) for information only and encouraged Senators to familiarize themselves with what is going on in Senate committees.

9. The general good and welfare of the University:

M. Downs: One of the matters that has gotten a good deal of attention and discussion outside of this body has been the appreciable increase in bomb scares. I was wondering if the Vice Chancellor would care to make a report and explain generally what is being done and why it is being done.

W. Branson: There have been several--probably 17, 18, or 19 this semester. We are, obviously, very concerned and we certainly do realize how disruptive this is to all the classes, students, and faculty. Our policy allows for mandatory and optional evacuation of buildings. We don't take the decision to go optional lightly at all. We are still looking at that possibility. If we do that, it will take everybody's cooperation. My understanding is that in the early eighties when this was happening there were some problems implementing that in terms of pressure from folks to stay. We have to be very careful about implementing that fairly. From an investigative standpoint, I don't really want to comment; but we are following every lead that we get and are tracking down

everything we can and we are looking into all kinds of alternatives to catch the individuals who are doing this.

J. Hersberger: I have been told by people in some institutions, such as hospitals and airlines, that those kinds of organizations often simply ignore bomb threats. I understand that happened in the past at IPFW during a rash of bomb threats. Is there any consideration of such an action?

M. Wartell: Let me just ask Vice Chancellor Branson to describe, very generally, that we do do threat analysis. We can't talk about it in detail, but decisions like that are made.

W. Branson: Threat analysis is listening to the phone call, analyzing circumstances that may be surrounding that phone call, and then making a decision on what to do based on all that information. I don't really want to go into any detail. There is a fairly structured process of deciding what to do when we get a bomb threat.

M. Downs: If I heard what you said earlier, you only have two choices: either to evacuate or to make evacuation optional. And this year, if I heard you correctly, there have been 17-19 bomb threats, and mandatory evacuation has been used. There haven't been any situations in which you opted for the optional evacuation?

W. Branson: That is correct.

M. Downs: And the choices that you made were made always after an evaluation and analysis of the threat.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Blauvelt  
Secretary of the Faculty