

**Minutes of the
Third Regular Meeting of the Eighteenth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
November 9, 1998
12:00 P.M., Kettler G46
(<http://www.ipfw.edu/senate>)**

Agenda

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of October 12, 1998**
- 3. Acceptance of the agenda - J. Vollmer**
- 4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties**
 - a. Purdue University - J. Wilson**
 - b. Indiana University - M. Downs**
- 5. Report of the Presiding Officer- R. Hess**
- 6. Committee reports requiring action**
 - Rules Committee (Senate Document SD 98-6) - S. Hollander**
- 7. New business**
 - a. Professional Development Subcommittee - D. Oberstar**
 - b. Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs (Senate Document SD 98-7) - R. Barrett**
- 8. Committee reports "for information only"**
 - Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No. 98-8) - J. Vollmer**
- 9. The general good and welfare of the University**
- 10. Adjournment**

Presiding Officer: R. Hess
Parliamentarian: J. Clausen
Sergeant-at-Arms: M. Sherr
Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Senate Members Present:

K. Ahern, R. Barrett, R. Berger, P. Bingi, E. Blakemore, F. Borelli, W. Branson, J. Brennan, C. Champion, M. Codisoti, V. Coufoudakis, V. Craig, M. Downs, C. Drummond, R. Emery, B. Fife, S. Hannah, J. Haw, B. Harwood, L. Hess, S. Hollander, M. Kimble, B. Kingsbury, K. McDonald, K. Morrin, M. Nusbaumer, D. Oberstar, D. Pfeffenberger, D. Ross, B. Salmon, H. Samavati, D. Schmidt, J. Tinkel, M. H. Thunte, D. Vasquez, J. Vollmer, M. Wartell, D. Weakley, L. Wright-Bower, Y. Zubovic

Senate Members Absent:

V. Badii, N. Cothorn, L. Fox, C. Leiserson, R. Manalis, J. Nichols, A. Pugh, Z. Shipchandler, J. Silver, R. Tierney, A. Ushenko, J. Wilson

Representative from Medical Education: R. Sweazey

Representative from Students' Government: C. Newman

Faculty Members Present: L. Balthaser, J. Jones , B. Ludwin, D. McCants
Visitors Present: J. Brunts, J. Dahl

Attachments:

"Amendments to the Constitution of the Faculty and to the Bylaws of the Fort Wayne Senate--Grievance

Policies for Purdue University Academic Personnel" (Senate Document SD 98-6)

"Approval of replacement members of the Purdue Grievance Committee" (Senate Document SD 98-7)

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1. **Call to order:** R. Hess called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. **Approval of the minutes of October 12, 1998:** The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. **Acceptance of the agenda:**
 - J. Vollmer moved to approve the agenda as distributed.**
 - The agenda was approved as distributed.**
4. **Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:**
 - a. **Purdue University:** J. Wilson was absent and asked M. Downs to make his report.
 - b. **Indiana University:**

M. Downs: I have two items. The first is that earlier this month the proposal for redoing the way in which the 18/20 retirement plan is funded for Indiana University faculty was approved. I suggest that everybody who is covered by the plan, all IU faculty who are IU employees, look at the proposal which is on the speaker's web page. It does create some opportunities for people who are here currently. . . .

The other item I have to report, and I wish Jim Hersberger were here, is that at the beginning of the year 2000 the first paycheck of the academic year for Purdue faculty will be cut and distributed on the first of September. This is a change Jim requested many times during his tenure as speaker, and Jeff Wilson wanted you to know it has now been achieved. Indiana University and, for a period of five years, administrators here unilaterally delayed paying IU faculty their first check of the year because they felt that a single pay date would be better for morale. When IU faculty found this out, it turned out not to be better for morale. The administration

relented and began giving IU faculty their paychecks on the first of September. I do think that this is a change that will improve morale, not just because there is a single pay date for that first check, but because that pay date is significantly earlier for Purdue faculty than it was in the past. I commend the university for making this change.

C. Drummond: This past summer they changed the way that they distributed summer savings money; they put that on the fifteenth of the month through the summer. Is that going to stay the same? Did they address that?

M. Downs: That was not in the minutes of the meeting and probably the best source of accurate information on that point is the Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs.

W. Branson: I have to look into it. I am not aware that that was addressed.

R. Hess: Can you look into it and report back?

W. Branson: Yes, I will.

5. **Report of the Presiding Officer - R. Hess:**

R. Hess: I have been in contact with several committee chairs, not to meddle in committee business, but to try to facilitate avoiding the logjam that typically occurs in March and April. I have had very amicable conversations with them by email and I urge those of you on committees who might feel you're being pushed to talk to the chair about it.

6. **Committee reports requiring action: Rules Committee (SD 98-6) - S. Hollander:**
S. Hollander moved to approve SD 98-6 (Amendments to the Constitution of the Faculty and to the Bylaws of the Fort Wayne Senate--Grievance Policies for Purdue University Academic Personnel). Second.

Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote.

7. **New business:**

a. **Professional Development Subcommittee - D. Oberstar:**

D. Oberstar moved to approve the replacement of Audrey Ushenko on the Professional Development Subcommittee with Jacqueline Heine. Second.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

b. **Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs (SD 98-7) - R. Barrett:**

R. Barrett moved to approve SD 98-7 (Approval of replacement members of the Purdue Grievance Committee). Second.

Motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

8. **Committee reports "for information only": (Senate Reference No. 98-8) - J. Vollmer:**
J. Vollmer presented SR No. 98-8 (Items under Consideration by Senate Committees and Subcommittees) for information only.

M. Kimble stated that Pat Erdman should be listed as co-chair of the Computer Users Advisory Subcommittee.

9. **The general good and welfare of the University:**

R. Barrett: Jeff asked me to make a brief inquiry. The Intercampus Faculty Council still has on its agenda, and is moving forward, the concept for Purdue of plus and minus grades. He asked at the first meeting of the Senate if particular committees here would look into the issue. He wanted to know if there was anybody that had any progress to report on that?

L. Wright-Bower: The Educational Policy Committee has it on a long list of things to address.

R. Hess: Is there additional discussion on plus and minus grades?

S. Hannah: I wanted to make an announcement. I have recommended to the Chancellor, and he has supported that recommendation, to reassign the Registrar's Office from Academic Affairs to Student Affairs. I made this recommendation based on my belief and experience in this area that the Registrar needs to be a member, and indeed a lead member, of the enrollment services or enrollment management effort on the campus. On this campus that portfolio is assigned to student affairs and you have already seen good results from them. And I understand a number of you participated in a very successful open house yesterday. The Registrar's Office had been sort of an ex officio part of that because their affairs so intertwine. I want to make that formal and have so recommended to the Chancellor. I have reviewed it with the deans, with EPC, the speakers, and student affairs, and there was general interest and support for that recommendation. So I simply want to announce that that officially takes place immediately and I am very pleased with that. Registrar Browne also supports it and I think we're off and running.

I want to take this opportunity again to congratulate Vice Chancellor Borelli and all of the folks working in that area and all of you who have participated in that success. I have seen it happen before. As my grandmother used to say, "When you don't know where you're going, any plan will get you there." Well, they know where they're going. They have a plan and they have a direction and some goals, and I think that's most commendable; we're seeing good results from it. So the Registrar's Office now is officially a part of that team.

M. Downs: A number of us have been given updates from time-to-time on the United Way Fund Drive on this campus. The latest shows that we're still lagging behind last year's performance, which, as I recall wasn't all that great. We have to be aware that if we wish the community to support us in our attempts to get more

generous funding, that it's a two-way street. I don't place extraordinary stock in United Way, but it is one way in which we can show the community that we are not separate from it but part of it and one of its contributing members. A greater and better performance on our part in connection with this drive will significantly improve our standing in the community and help develop the outreach that's necessary if we're going to get what we need to do our jobs better on this campus. I hope everybody will look again at the United Way solicitation and find a way to make some small contribution to it for that purpose, and as well, of course, for the purpose of furthering the good work that the organization does.

R. Hess: Tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom, Joe Clark, an internationally famous educator, will be speaking and, if you haven't seen the Omnibus literature concerning Joe Clark, you might want to take a look at it. I think you will enjoy that particular presentation.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Blauvelt
Secretary of the Faculty