

Minutes of the
Fourth Regular Meeting of the Fifteenth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
December 11, 1995
3:00 P.M., Kettler G46

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of November 13, 1995
3. Acceptance of the agenda -N. Younis
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
 - a. Indiana University -S. Hollander
 - b. Purdue University -J. Hersberger
5. Report of the Presiding Officer (SR No.95-8) -M. Downs
6. Committee reports requiring action
 - a. Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs (Senate Reference No.95-9) – S. Hollander
 - b. Student Affairs Committee (Senate Document SD 95-9) -C. Thompson
7. Question time (Senate Reference No.95-10)
8. New business
9. Committee reports "for information only"
10. The general good and welfare of the University
11. Adjournment

Presiding Officer: M. Downs

Parliamentarian: M. Sherr

Sergeant-at-Arms: R. Barrett

Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Senate Members Present:

S. Argast, R. Berger, F. Borelli, W. Branson, B. Bulmahn, C. Butler, C. Champion, J. Clausen, D. Cox, L. DeFonso, M. Downs, D. Edwards, L. Felber, O. Freiburger, S. Frey-Ridgway, R. Gillespie, P. Hamburger, J. Haw, J. Hersberger, R. Hess, C. Hill, S. Hollander, R. Jeske, R. Kendall, J. Knight, P. Lane, T. Laverghetta, D. Legg, M. Masters, L. Motz, G. Mourad, D. Oberstar, K. O'Connell, L. Schlager, M. Scudder, Z. Shipchandler, P. Stubblebine, P. Terry, C. Thompson, M. H. Thuente, D. Townsend, W. Utesch, M. Wartell, L. Wright-Bower, N. Younis

Senate Members Absent:

N. Bradley, C. Chauhan, N. Cothorn, V. Craig, J. Grant, C. Humphrey, G. Kartsounes, M. Lane, H. Samavati, D. Schmidt, K. Trier

Representative from Medical Education: K. Redman

Faculty Members Present: L. Balthaser, J. DiIorio, D. McCants, D. Pfeffenberger

Visitors Present: J. Dahl, N. Newell

Attachments:

["Amendment to the Bylaws--Abolition of the Lecture Series Subcommittee"](#) (SD 95-9)

"Results of the Election of the Indiana University Faculty Board of Review" (SR No. 95-11)

1. Call to order: M. Downs called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of November 13, 1995: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:
N. Younis moved to accept the agenda.
The agenda was accepted as distributed.
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:
 - a. Indiana University: S. Hollander had no report.
 - b. Purdue University: J. Hersberger had no report.
5. Report of the Presiding Officer -Senate Reference No. 95-8 -M. Downs

M. Downs: I refer you to Senate Reference 95-8. I will read from that report just briefly: Listed below are the documents considered by the Senate this academic year. When appropriate, I have forwarded documents to the proper administrators/units for implementation. I have listed the current status of each document.

6. Committee reports requiring action:
 - a. Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs (Senate Reference No. 95-9) – S. Hollander:

S. Hollander and J. Haw conducted the election of the Indiana University Faculty Board of Review. (See attached Senate Reference No. 95-11)

- b. Student Affairs Committee (Senate Document SD 95-9) -C. Thompson:
C. Thompson moved to approve 95-9 (Amendment to the Bylaws--Abolition of the Lecture Series Subcommittee).
Motion to approve SD 95-9 passed on a voice vote.

7. Question time (Senate Reference No. 95-10):

Q: Prior to the first Senate meeting this semester, the Presiding Officer was promised a status report on the effect of the change in the free period. When will this report be rendered and what matters will it address?

A: M. Wartell: You will remember that we changed the free period time from Mondays 12:00-1:15 p.m. to Mondays, 3:00-4:15 p.m. The purpose of that was to expand flexibility in terms of course offerings. The basic data that we gathered in order to determine whether we had expanded flexibilities was that we looked at the original time period, i.e., 1:30 to 4:30 in academic year 1994-95 as compared to the time period 12:00-3:00 in academic year 1995-96. Last year we were able to offer 108 sections. This year, in spite of the enrollment drop, there are 132 sections offered in that period. So I think we have succeeded in expanding our flexibility by being able to offer courses to the tune of about 25 % more than we did before. If there is other data you would like collected, we are perfectly willing to collect that data in terms of a report. Norm Newell put this data together and he will be glad to answer questions about it.

M. Downs: After this question was circulated with the agenda, I received over 20 communications by email and another half dozen communications in person. With only one exception, people were uniformly opposed to or, at least to a degree, inconvenienced by the change. I received no communications from people who were responding in favor of continuing it or thought it had been a success. Under new business I am prepared to offer a motion which requests the Educational Policy Committee to consider those submissions, as well as data in any report that the administration has prepared, with a view toward considering proposals to alter the free period.

M. Wartell: Might I suggest that as you offer that proposal you also ask the Educational Policy Committee to consider student input as well. The flexibility of course offerings speaks to the flexibility on behalf of students.

M. Downs: Are there any other questions with regard to this item?

J. Clausen: Was student input considered when we made the changes?

M. Downs: The students were at first reluctant, then agreed on a tentative, experimental basis to allow the change to go forward without their opposition.

K. Redman: With the pre-med club we have noticed considerably lower attendance this year than last and we thought that at least part of that was due to the later time of the day.

8. New Business:

M. Downs yielded the chair to S. Hollander

M. Downs moved that the Senate direct the Educational Policy Committee to look further into the issue of the free hour with a view toward reporting back with an evaluation and a proposal either to keep or to change the free period. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

9. Committee reports "for information only" - There were no committee reports.

10. The general good and welfare of the University:

S. Hollander: People have brought to my attention two anomalies on the grade rosters that were recently issued: 1) they indicate which students are taking courses pass/fail and instructors are not supposed to be aware of that fact under the academic regulations approved by this body and 2) there are also a reported 100-200 students who were withdrawn from their classes within the past 10 days either entirely or largely because they had not applied their financial aid to their course fees for the semester. In some cases that I am aware of these are students who were attending their classes all semester, taking exams, doing papers, coming to class and suddenly they are popping up on grade rosters with Ws. The only notice to faculty, in fact, has been that a W appears next to the student's name on the roster. I am told that if students pay now, they will be reinstated. It is a marvelous scam for clever students who, being unsure whether they're going to pass the course or not, just don't pay, wait till the day before the final and, if they think they are going to pass, they pay, and if they don't think they're going to pass, they get a W. It totally undoes the drop deadline for those people. I hope this process will be abandoned after this semester.

11. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Blauvelt
Secretary of the Faculty