

Minutes of the  
Fourth Regular Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne  
December 9, 2002  
12:00 P.M., Kettler G46

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of November 11 and 18, 2002
3. Acceptance of the agenda – J. Grant
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
  - a. Purdue University – P. Hamburger
  - b. Indiana University – M. Nusbaumer
5. Report of the Presiding Officer – R. Sedlmeyer
6. Committee reports requiring action
  - a. Executive Committee (Senate Document SD 02-7) – J. Grant
  - b. Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs (Senate Reference No. 02-16) – M. Nusbaumer
  - c. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 02-8) – L. Hite
7. New business
8. Committee reports “for information only”
9. The general good and welfare of the University
10. Adjournment

Presiding Officer: R. Sedlmeyer  
Parliamentarian: D. Turnipseed  
Sergeant-at-Arms: D. Marshall  
Secretary: J. Petersen

Senate Members Present:

B. Abbott, P. Agness, R. Barrett, L. Beineke, E. Blakemore, M. Bookout, J. Brennan,  
G. Bullion, C. Carlson, C. Chauhan, S. Choi, M. Codispoti, C. Erickson, R. Friedman,  
J. Grant, T. Grove, P. Hamburger, S. Hannah, L. Hite, P. Iadicola, S. Isiorho, M. Kimble,  
L. Kuznar, L. Lin, D. Marshall, E. Neal, M. Nusbaumer, D. Oberstar, A. Perez, D. Ross,  
H. Samavati, G. Schmelzle, K. Squadrito, J. Tankel, J. Toole, L. Vartanian, N. Younis,  
M. Wartell

Senate Members Absent:

S. Blythe, W. Branson, H. Broberg, L. Fox, S. Hartman, J. Hrehov, A. Karim, J. Knight,  
M. Lipman, A. Mustafa, B. Parke, J. Purse-Wiedenhoeft, W. Unsell

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Attachments:

“[Approval of replacement members of the Grade Appeals Subcommittee and Honors Program Council](#)” (SD 02-7)

“Revision to Senate Bylaws: Academic Advising Subcommittee Membership” (SD 02-8, Tabled)  
“Results of the Election of the Indiana University Faculty Board of Review” (SR No. 02-17)

Faculty Members Present: J. Clausen, L. DeFonso

Visitors Present:

S. Alderman, W. Bruening, M. Gruss, S. Hong, R. Kostrubanic, P. McLaughlin,  
S. Sarratore

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1. Call to order: R. Sedlmeyer called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of November 11 and 18, 2002: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:

J. Grant moved to approve the agenda as distributed.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:
  - a. Purdue University: P. Hamburger had no report.
  - b. Indiana University: M. Nusbaumer had no report.
5. Report of the Presiding Officer:

In keeping with the holiday season, I have a few things to say. I would like everybody to see what has been going on in University Relations in terms of promoting our university. We have a little gift to present, but you are going to have to be very quiet because we could not figure out how to handle the volume in here.

S. Alderman presented a video tape of two commercials: one titled, "The Library" and the other titled, "Coffee Shop."

R. Sedlmeyer: Keeping with the spirit, I would like to remind us of our strategic plan in promoting this university and making it a better place to work and learn. I have a few things I would like to present that address goal number 4. (R. Sedlmeyer presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Strategies for Excellence.")

Goal 4. Advance the quality of life in Fort Wayne and the surrounding region.

- Phyllis Agness,  
- Educators for Excellence

There was an article in the newspaper around Thanksgiving about the IPFW chapter of Educators for Excellence. They gave the gift of reading to some Fort Wayne school children. The student organization, Educators for Excellence, collected more than five hundred children's books for education from education majors and donated them to students at Fairfield Elementary School. Many of the students who received books had never owned a single book. Phyllis is a faculty advisor to this group and encouraged them to consider doing this service project for the local community. They had an overwhelming response. The club plans to continue to give the gift of reading.

- Linda Ruffolo, Executive Director for Development
  - Helene Foellinger Award

Linda recently received the Helene Foellinger Award for her large and small efforts on behalf of others. This award is presented annually for outstanding contributions as a role model for Women for Professional Excellence and for improving the quality of life in Fort Wayne. She was cited for her involvement as a Study Connections tutor. We congratulate Linda and thank her for sharing her time and expertise with the community.

- Carlos Pomalaza-Raez
  - First Logo League

If you take a look at our home page you will note that the Department of Engineering, led by Carlos, is sponsoring the third consecutive First Logo League competition. There are going to be over 70 teams competing this Sunday from 8-5 in the Gates Sports Center. Three years ago Carlos, through his leadership, brought to IPFW the Lego Robotics program, and this includes a freshman success course, a workshop for teachers on programming robotics that includes a lot of problem solving, and summer camps for children.

I know there are many others here who have been reaching out to the community in improving the quality of education. I would like to end with the following:

“So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;” ...

Romans 12:5-7.

Each of us has different gifts, and we know that we are sharing them abundantly in the classroom, and I would like to encourage each of you to extend your expertise in your work at IPFW to better the community.

6. Committee reports requiring action:
  - a. Executive Committee (SD 02-7) – J. Grant:

J. Grant moved to approve SD 02-7 (Approval of replacement members of the Grade Appeals Subcommittee and Honors Program Council). Seconded.

Motion to approve SD 02-7 passed on a voice vote.

b. Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs (SR No. 02-16) – M. Nusbaumer:

J. Brennan and S. Isiorho distributed ballots for the election of the Indiana University Faculty Board of Review. The ballots were counted and delivered to the Secretary. The results are attached. (See SR No. 02-17)

c. Educational Policy Committee (SD 02-8) – L. Hite:

L. Hite moved to approve SD 02-8 (Revision to Senate Bylaws: Academic Advising Subcommittee Membership).

M. Nusbaumer moved to amend the first sentence to read “The Subcommittee shall have ~~two~~ representatives of the Voting Faculty ...” Seconded.

P. Hamburger moved to recommit SD 02-8 back to the Educational Policy Committee for clarification. Seconded.

Motion to recommit failed on a voice vote.

J. Grant moved to table SD 02-8. Seconded.

Motion to table SD 02-8 passed on a show of hands. (favor: 21; oppose: 15)

7. New business:

M. Nusbaumer moved to have the Executive Committee make a recommendation to the Senate concerning membership policies of all Senate committees and subcommittees no later than the February Senate meeting. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

8. Committee reports “for information only”: There were no committee reports.

9. The general good and welfare of the University:

J. Grant: I would like to address the issue that Senator Barrett raised about how many times each of us may speak. I think, in *Robert’s Rules of Order*, the Presiding Officer has the power, if he chooses, to limit an individual from speaking on the same subject, if in fact that Presiding Officer so chooses. I would hope, in a body of this size, that we would allow as full and open a discussion as possible, and not prejudge what somebody is going to say. That person may, in fact, be speaking to another point, in which case he would not be

speaking for the second time on the same subject and, particularly among academics, it can parse things quite thinly. I would hope that we would not seek any cutoff of debate until the body felt that enough was said on the topic.

H. Samavati: I have the same concern. I have been extremely offended this semester when we were talking about academic freedom. This university stands for freedom of speech - even when the issue of that play was discussed. Even though the elected representatives from Indiana went against us, we stood our ground. How can we not exercise the same right within the Senate? It is very offensive, at least to me. Thank you, Senator Grant, for your comments.

R. Sedlmeyer: The chair admits to limited wisdom in the matters of running the Senate and, clearly having the initial opportunity, to also admit to perhaps erring on the side of freedom. The chair does reserve the right, if the chair feels that the body is ready to vote, to limit debate on any and all issues as prescribed by *Robert's Rules*.

H. Samavati: We have all, very respectfully and receptively, sat through your lectures and "sermons" concerning how we can all be good colleagues and further the good and welfare of this university. The same courtesy must be given to the rest of the faculty. Even though I am very thankful to you, as difficult as it is to do the job of Presiding Officer, you gave your wisdom to us and took the time from the Senate's important business. The senators should be given the courtesy of discussing their concerns.

R. Sedlmeyer: The chair agrees.

J. Brennan: What does number 8 (Committee reports "for information only") on the agenda mean? I've taken it to mean committee reports that were written and prepared. Am I mistaken on that?

R. Sedlmeyer: Committee reports for information only report work done by committees that does not require a vote by the Senate.

J. Brennan: Thank you.

P. Hamburger: The Purdue Grievance Board now has ten members. They have elected Speaker Hamburger as chair and Mitch Sherr as secretary.

R. Barrett: I want to thank two unsung staff heroes from the Registrar's Office. Without their help I would not have made it through this semester. They are Juanita Derrick and Liz Merkler.

R. Sedlmeyer: So commended. I want to thank you for your participation. We have had many meetings this semester. I look forward to continued and full participation, and encourage you all not to hesitate to be willing to voice whatever is on your minds during any meeting. Thank you very much and have a great break.

10. The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Jacqueline J. Petersen  
Secretary of the Faculty