

Minutes of the  
Sixth Regular Meeting of the Thirty-First Senate  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne  
February 13, 2012  
12:00 P.M., Kettler G46

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of January 9, 2012
3. Acceptance of the agenda – K. Pollock
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
  - a. Purdue University – P. Dragnev
  - b. Indiana University – S. Davis
5. Report of the Presiding Officer – R. Barrett
6. Committee reports requiring action
  - a. Nominations and Elections Committee (Senate Reference No. 11-16) – A. Merz
  - b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 11-13) – J. Toole
  - c. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 11-14) – J. Toole
  - d. Executive Committee (Senate Document SD 11-15) – K. Pollock
7. Question Time (Senate Reference No. 11-17)
8. New business
9. Committee reports “for information only”
10. The general good and welfare of the University
11. Adjournment\*

\*The meeting will adjourn or recess by 1:15 p.m.

Presiding Officer: R. Barrett  
Parliamentarian: A. Downs  
Sergeant-at-Arms: G. Steffen  
Secretary: J. Petersen

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Attachments:

- “Academic Calendar 2014-2015” (SD 11-13, referred back to Calendar Subcommittee)  
“Revision to Academic Calendar 2013-14” (SD 11-14)  
“Support of Intercampus Faculty Council motion: ‘Enhancing Purdue System Effectiveness and Efficiency with a Focus on the Regional Campuses’” (SD 11-15)

Senate Members Present:

M. Alhassan, A. Argast, J. Badia, S. Berry, W. Branson, J. Casazza, M. Codispoti, C. Crisler, C. Crosby, S. Davis, M. Dixon, P. Dragnev, C. Drummond, A. Eroglu, C. Gurgur, L. Hite, Z. Isik-Ercan, R. Jensen, D. Kaiser, M. Kim, D. Lindquist, M. Lipman, D. Liu, A. Livschiz, H. Luo, M. Masters, A. Merz, D. Miller, A. Montenegro, P. Ng, M. Nusbaumer, K. Otani, K. Pollock, M. Qasim, L. Roberts, A. Schwab, J. Toole, N. Virtue, R. Weiner, Y. Zubovic

Senate Members Absent:

S. Batagiannis, C. Chauhan, S. Ding (sabbatical), C. Duncan, D. Huffman, G. McClellan, W. McKinney, G. Mourad, C. Nicholson, J. Niser, H. Odden, R. Sutter, J. Taylor, Z. Todorovic, A. Ushenko, B. Valliere, M. Wartell, M. Yen

Visitors Present: M. Franke, D. Haynie (*Journal Gazette*), E. Jenkins, R. Kostrubanic, P. McLaughlin, J. Tillapaugh, R. Wilkinson

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1. Call to order: R. Barrett called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of January 9, 2012: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:

K. Pollock 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. Dragnev: The Intercampus Faculty Council met regarding the White Paper, which is attached to the agenda items. We discussed the possibility of including communication and retention on regional campuses, and communication between the main campus and regional campuses. It was suggested that we add an additional layer of a “super chancellor.” Faculty were not consulted on this, and that fact came up at the IFC regional campus faculty council. John Niser and I were there as representatives of IPFW, and we passed a motion which was included for our own senate to support. That was the first item.

The spirit of the motion of the second item that was passed was increasing communications between the regional campuses and the main campus, and creating the spirit of a system. The observation was made that biology departments of all four campuses meet regularly once a year or semester, rotationally at different campuses. We pretty much passed the following:

WHEREAS, The Intercampus Faculty Council has observed the success of collaboration and consultation of the biology departments across the system as a result of annual rotation visits to respective departments; BE IT RESOLVED, That the Intercampus Faculty Council recommends that the Purdue University system initiate and promote regular meetings within disciplines and across systems.

We forwarded it to the administration. I do not know what will happen with it.

2) **Trimester system.** This was the big topic at the Board of Trustees meeting. It was discussed by Morry Levy, the chairman of the University Senate. His talk was supposed to be five minutes; it lasted for forty minutes. It was a very contentious discussion. The idea is to go to three trimesters at 13 weeks each, and to do it gradually over the next eight years (or something like that). The idea is for the West Lafayette campus to build up its summer enrollment from 7 percent to 70 percent, then eventually create a third trimester. I do not know how much this will affect us. It is in the works.

3) **The search for chancellor.** We are doing airport interviews because, as of yesterday, we will have three more next week. We hope to identify three to four finalists and bring them on campus to meet with the search committee again and with the extended group.

M. Nusbaumer: In terms of this 13-week trimester, are they talking about altering the length of class meetings along with that?

P. Dragnev: The complaint, and the comment, from Morry Levy was that faculty were brought in very late in the game. It is, at the moment, in faculty hands. I would assume that would be one of the meaningful changes. It relates to our own discussion today here regarding the 15- versus 16-week calendar, but overall I would assume the class length has to be compensated.

b. Indiana University:

S. Davis: 1) I had four meetings with different Indiana University groups last week. Three words kept popping up: accountability, affordability, and assessment. One topic at all four meetings was the General Education bill. It looks like it will go through in a scaled-down version. That is going to be with IVY Tech or Vincennes, whoever has the ability to teach a 30-hour core general education. It was sliced down quite a bit, but it still looks like there will be some remnants that go through. It will impact us, especially the general education side of things. That bill is available online.

2) **The degree-length limit** It looks like that is going through. The governor decided 120 credit hours was adequate for an undergraduate degree. It looks like you have to get a waiver to have your program longer than 120 hours. That looks like it is going to the legislature and will probably be passed.

3) **Summer Sessions.** Indiana University's problem was the same as Purdue's with regard to the announcement of the 25 percent reduction in fees for summer courses. It was just announced arbitrarily without faculty input; so it is the process, not necessarily the substance, that is the problem.

Some rumors from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education: These are only rumors, but they would like getting new online courses that come through them to be at least ten percent cheaper than the face-to-face courses. They should be a cost savings. This is coming under the affordability aspect. Online is considered 80-100 percent computer taught, hybrid would be 30-80 percent, and below that would be considered face to face. The other thing they were talking about was the online courses when they are approved. Barb Bickelmeier came right back from one of the ICHE meetings. If we have an online course as part of the main venue, why can't they all be offered from just one location because students do not have to be there to take it anyway? For example, why should we

offer Accounting 201 online here if South Bend is offering it and our students could take it through South Bend as part of the core transfer library? There, they are looking at efficiency.

4) Expect more federal regulations because of the fallout from the investigation of the for-profits because the for-profits' defense on a lot of issues was that "the universities are doing it." So now, having gone after the for-profits for some of these things, they are going to have to say "well, yes, if the state universities are doing it also, they have to come under the same regulations." So the idea is that we can expect some more intrusions from the federal level.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer – R. Barrett:

R. Barrett: As a side note, next Monday is Purdue West Lafayette's Senate meeting. The information they sent us is that they are going to start their meeting at 2:30 like normal, at 4:30 we are going to break and go to a restaurant to have a meal, and then we are resuming at 6:00 and continue the meeting until it is done. Core Curriculum is the big issue, and it looks like the senate business is just being pushed back. They have two important items coming up and being sent to committees.

We have speaking privileges granted by the Executive Committee to Bob Kostrubanic, Patrick McLaughlin, and Elizabeth Jenkins.

**Red Balloon:** (from W. McKinney): Given the ever-increasing role of information technology and the speed with which IPFW must respond to technological innovation, ACITAS and OAA will collaborate on the February 28<sup>th</sup> Red Balloon forum. As new technologies and their subsequent policies are adopted, faculty input is vital. The forum will be in Kettler 118 at 3:30 p.m. on February 28.

6. Committee reports requiring action:

a. Nominations and Elections Committee (Senate Reference No. 11-16) – A. Merz:

Alice Merz and Gary Steffen distributed ballots for the Presiding Officer election. Andrew Downs was elected.

b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 11-13) – J. Toole:

J. Toole moved to approve Senate Document SD 11-13 (Academic Calendar 2014-2015).

S. Davis moved to refer SD 11-13 back to the Calendar Subcommittee, then on to the Educational Policy Committee, and be brought back to Senate at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. (charge: a calendar formula document would be created, taking into account the results of the survey that was conducted by the Calendar Subcommittee, and that would go through the Calendar Subcommittee, then Educational Policy Committee, and then be brought to the April 9, 2012 Senate meeting.)

Seconded.

Motion to refer back to committee passed on a voice vote.

c. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 11-14) – J. Toole:

J. Toole moved to approve Senate Document SD 11-14 (Revision to Academic Calendar 2013-14).

Motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

d. Executive Committee (Senate Document SD 11-15) – K. Pollock:

K. Pollock moved to approve Senate Document SD 11-15 (Support of Intercampus Faculty Council motion: Enhancing Purdue System Effectiveness and Efficiency with a Focus on the Regional Campuses).

Motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

7. Question Time (Senate Reference No. 11-17)

Q: Understanding that work had to be done on the IPFW computer system (Banner census processing), could it have been performed over the Christmas break rather than one week into the semester? Many students and faculty were planning on using their time off on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to get caught up and/or somewhat ahead.

While it did not impact me directly I have had complaints.

Stan Davis  
Indiana University Speaker

W. Branson: The project was to upgrade and expand the Storage Area Network which provides memory to applications, network operations, and users. Additional storage was installed to overcome poor application software and desktop response times. In addition, several software patches and upgrades were implemented. The software problems were serious enough that the vendor was threatening to discontinue support if we did not address them.

The project planning was started several months prior to the actual work. This type of project would usually be planned for the winter holiday break. However, even with significant lead time, the vendor support engineer was unable to complete the work during this period because of prior commitments to other projects. Given the inability to perform the upgrades over the winter holidays, normally the next choice in timing would have been to put off the installation until Spring Break. However, the issues were becoming critical enough that we believed that we were risking the possibility of a significant outage if the project was delayed until Spring Break. Therefore, the decision was made to complete the project on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may have been to the users. But we felt that it was necessary to address the problem during an official holiday rather than to risk a major disruption to university operations. We will continue to try to find the least disruptive time for these types of projects. But one of the issues that we are facing is that, as we become more dependent on online/real time services, the harder it is to find a convenient time for maintenance.

8. New business: There was no new business.
9. Committee reports “for information only”: There were no reports.
10. The general good and welfare of the University:

S. Davis: Jacqui Petersen sent out the request to all committees for their activities. Please take the time to respond to Jacqui. If there have been no actions, just respond that there is nothing to report.

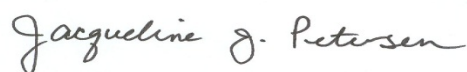
Elizabeth Jenkins gave a report to the Senate on the efforts of the Tobacco-Free Taskforce.

E. Jenkins: I am a past smoker who is celebrating one year of being smoke free. The IPFW Tobacco-Free Taskforce is a group of students, staff, and faculty who were charged to undertake this effort. We are a branch of the Wellness Council. The goals of our taskforce are on the handout: to educate the campus, provide awareness and respect for the current policy; and just so we are all clear, smoking is prohibited on any university grounds except in parking lots and designated smoking areas. We also educate the campus on tobacco-use prevention, tobacco cessation and resources, and to consider policy change in the direction of a tobacco-free campus. We had a poster campaign where we plastered the campus with posters. We also have policy cards. We are here today to welcome your assistance. We hope that you will support this cause and, whether you are a smoker or nonsmoker, we all want people to smoke only in designated areas. If you would like any information about our taskforce, my e-mail is at the bottom of the page.

We would appreciate it if you could mention, either in your syllabus or in class, the tobacco policy. We really are trying to charge the campus with more knowledge and awareness. Also, if anyone you know is thinking about quitting, as faculty we have cessation classes. They are called “Freedom from Smoking.” So far they have been one semester. We also have student help. We have quick kits in our clinic that are going to help students as well as one-on-one counseling with one of our nurse practitioners in the clinic. If you see violators, educate them on where they are allowed to smoke because a lot of people don’t know. Thank you.

W. Branson: I would like to add that Elizabeth and those folks have really been doing an amazing job. They are making a significant difference in enforcement of policy on campus. We still have a ways to go. Particular, if you see places where smokers are violating the policy, we want to know about it so we can try to enforce the policy. They really deserve congratulations; they are motivated, they want to make this happen, and it is making a big difference.

11. The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.



Jacqueline J. Petersen  
Secretary of the Faculty

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee  
James Toole, Chair

DATE: January 26, 2013

SUBJ: Academic Calendar for 2014-2015

DISPOSITION: To the presiding officer for implementation

RESOLVED, that the proposed academic calendar for 2014-2015 be adopted.

**For Calendar Subcommittee:**

<u>Approving</u>	<u>Not Approving</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Nonvoting</u>
N. Adilov	None	J. Schrader	P. McLaughlin
G. Hickey			
J. Leatherman			
D. Lindquist			
J. O'Connell			
J. Ross			
C. Tennis			

**For Educational Policy Committee:**

<u>Approving</u>	<u>Not Approving</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Nonvoting</u>
A. Argast	None	L. Hite	P. McLaughlin
R. Jensen			
D. Lindquist			
W. McKinney			
J. Toole			
Y. Zubovic			

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015

### Fall Semester, 2014

Monday	25 August	Classes Begin
Friday	29 August	Classes Suspended at 4:30 p.m. (Labor Day Recess)
Tuesday	2 September	Classes Resume
Mon.-Tues.	13-14 October	Fall Recess
Wednesday	15 October	Classes Resume
Tuesday	25 November	Thanksgiving Recess Begins After Last Class
Monday	1 December	Classes Resume
Mon.-Sun.	15-21 December	Final Exam Week/Last Week of Classes

### Winter Inter-session, 2014-2015

Monday	22 December	Classes Begin
Thurs.-Fri.	25-26 December	Classes Suspended (Christmas Holiday)
Monday	29 December	Classes Resume
Thursday	1 January	Classes Suspended (New Year's Day)
Friday	2 January	Classes Suspended (Presidents' Designated Holiday)
Monday	5 January	Classes Resume
Sunday	11 January	Last Day of Classes

### Spring Semester, 2015

Monday	12 January	Classes Begin
Monday	19 January	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Mon.-Sun.	9-15 March	Spring Break Recess
Monday	16 March	Classes Resume
Friday	3 April	Classes Suspended at 4:30 p.m.
Monday	6 April	Classes Resume
Mon.-Sun	4-10 May	Final Exam Week/ Last Week of Classes
Wednesday	13 May	Tentative Date of Commencement

### Summer Semester, 2015

Monday	11 May	Summer Semester Begins
Monday	18 May	Summer Session I: Classes Begin
Friday	22 May	Memorial Day Recess Begins at 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	26 May	Classes Resume
Friday	26 June	Summer Session I: Classes End at 4:30 p.m.
Monday	29 June	Summer Session II: Classes Begin
Fri.-Sun.	3-5 July	Independence Day Holiday and Weekend Recess
Monday	6 July	Classes Resume
Friday	7 August	Summer Session II: Classes End at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	23 August	Summer Semester Ends



TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee  
James Toole, Chair

DATE: January 26, 2012

SUBJ: Academic Calendar for 2013-2014

DISPOSITION: To the presiding officer for implementation

WHEREAS, Senate Reference Document 00-11 states that each IPFW regular fall semester should be 16 weeks long, including the one-week final examination period; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 academic calendar passed by the Senate in SD 10-07 provided for a fall 2013 regular semester that was only 15 weeks long, including the one-week final examination period;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the academic calendar for 2013-2014 be revised as follows:

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2013-2014**

**Fall Semester, 2013**

Monday	26 August	Classes Begin
Friday	30 August	Classes Suspended at 4:30 p.m. (Labor Day Recess)
Tuesday	3 September	Classes Resume
Mon.-Tues.	14 – 15 October	Fall Recess
Wednesday	16 October	Classes Resume
Tuesday	26 November	Thanksgiving Recess Begins After Last Class
Monday	2 December	Classes Resume
Mon.-Sun.	<del>9-15</del> 16-22 December	Final Exam Week/Last Week of Classes

**Winter Inter-session, 2013-2014**

Monday	<del>16</del> 23 December	Classes Begin
Wed.-Thurs	25-26 December	Classes Suspended (Christmas Holiday)
Friday	27 December	Classes Suspended (Presidents' Designated Holiday)
Monday	30 December	Classes Resume
Wednesday	1 January	Classes Suspended (New Year's Day Holiday)
Thursday	2 January	Classes Resume
Sunday	12 January	Last Day of Classes

**Spring Semester, 2014**

Monday	13 January	Classes Begin
Monday	20 January	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Mon.-Sun.	10-16	March Spring Recess
Monday	17 March	Classes Resume
Friday	18 April	Classes Suspended at 4:30 p.m.
Monday	21 April	Classes Resume
Mon.-Sun	5-11 May	Final Exam Week/ Last Week of Classes
Wednesday	14 May	Tentative Date of Commencement

**Summer Semester, 2014**

Monday	12 May	Summer Semester Begins
Monday	19 May	Summer Session I: Classes Begin
Friday	23 May	Memorial Day Recess Begins at 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	27 May	Classes Resume
Friday	27 June	Summer Session I: Classes End at 4:30 p.m.
Monday	30 June	Summer Session II: Classes Begin
Friday	4 July	Independence Day Holiday
Sat.-Sun.	5-6 July	Classes Suspended
Monday	7 July	Classes Resume
Friday	8 August	Summer Session II: Classes End at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	24 August	Summer Semester Ends



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To: President Córdova  
Provost Sands  
Chancellor Dworkin  
Chancellor Wartell  
Chancellor Keon

From: The IPFW Senate  
Robert A. Barrett  
Presiding Officer

Subject: Support of IFC motion about: "Enhancing Purdue System Effectiveness and Efficiency with a Focus on the Regional Campuses"

Date: February 13, 2012

The IPFW Senate supports the provisions of the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) motion of January 27, 2012 (as shown below). Faculty on the Regional campuses should be consulted.

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§ Whereas the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) is responsible for coordination of legislative and policy making actions of the various faculty governing bodies of the Purdue University System:

§ Whereas there has been no collaboration with or input from any of the Senates (Faculty Governing Bodies) or with the IFC:

§ Whereas the Senates and the IFC share the same goal of fostering a system-wide culture:

\* Be it resolved that no decisions be made concerning the Issue Paper, "Enhancing Purdue System Effectiveness and Efficiency with a Focus on the Regional Campuses" until the Senates (Faculty Governing Bodies) and the IFC have been thoroughly consulted and their ideas and inputs incorporated into these plans.

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