

Minutes of the
Sixth Regular Meeting of the Fourteenth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
February 13, 1995
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Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of January 9, 1995
3. Acceptance of the agenda - N. Younis
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
 - a. Indiana University - S. Hollander
 - b. Purdue University - R. Barrett
5. Report of the Presiding Officer (Senate Reference No. 94-20) - M. Downs
6. Committee reports requiring action
 - a. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 94-18) - S: Sarratore
 - b. Student Affairs Committee (Senate Document SD 94-19),- L. Wootton
7. Question time - Senate Reference No. 94-21
8. New business
9. Committee reports "for information only"
 - Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 94-22) - D. Bialik
10. The general good and welfare of the University
11. Adjournment*

Presiding Officer: M. Downs
Parliamentarian: M. Sherr
Sergeant-at-Arms: J. Wilson
Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Senate Members Present:

S: Argast, R. Barrett, R. Berger, F. Borelli, N. Bradley, B. Bulmahn, C: Champion, J. Clausen, L. DeFonso, D. Edwards, D. Fairchild, O. Freiburger, R. Gillespie, S. Harroff, J. Haw, R. Hawley, J. Hersberger, R. Hess, C. Hill, S. Hollander, G. Kartsounes, R. Kendall, L. Kuznar, M. Lane, T. Laverghetta, C. Lawton, D. Legg, M. Masters, G. Mourad, H. Samavati, S. Sarratore, L. Schlager, Z. Shipchandler, J. Smulkstys, C. Sternberger, P. Stubblebine, J. Taylor, P. Terry, M. H. Thuente, K. Trier, W. Utesch, E. Waters, L. Wootton, N. Younis, Y. Zubovic

Senate Members Absent:

W. Branson, N. Cothorn, D. Cox, S. Frey-Ridgway, J. Grant, F. Kirchhoff, P. Lane, L. Motz, D. Schmidt, C. Thompson, M. Wartell

Representative from Medical Education: D. Bell

Faculty Members Present: L. Balthaser, D. Bialik, V. Coufoudakis, D. McCants, D. Pfeffenberger

Visitors Present: J. Dahl, D. Katter, N. Newell

Attachments:

"[Amendment of the Academic Regulations \(SD 85-18\) - Transfer Credit](#)" (SD 94-18) (Copies of SD 85-18, as amended, are available upon request from B. Blauvelt)

"[Revisions to the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct \(SD 89-28\)](#)" (SD 94-19) (Copies of SD 89-28, as amended, are available upon request from B. Blauvelt)

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1. Call to order: M. Downs called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
 2. Approval of the minutes of January 9, 1995: The minutes were approved as distributed.
 3. Acceptance of the agenda:

N. Younis moved to accept the agenda. Seconded.

The agenda was approved as distributed.
 4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:
 - a. Indiana University:

S. Hollander: IU faculty recently held an election by ballot to elect members of the University Faculty Council. The two people elected were Bob Jeske and Mike Downs. They will have one-year terms starting in September.

The IU University: Faculty Council meets tomorrow. There are two primary agenda items: 1) a discussion of whether to include in the Academic Handbook a FACET (Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching) document which lists the instructional duties. of faculty and 2) how campuses will react to the Trustees' call for better supervision and professional development for associate faculty and graduate aides-- something this campus has already done.
 - b. Purdue University:

R. Barrett: The Purdue University Trustees will be here on February 23 and
- 24.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer (Senate Reference No 94-20): M. Downs presented SR No. 94-20 for information.

6. Committee reports requiring action:

a. Educational Policy Committee (SD 94-18) - S. Sarratore:

S. Sarratore moved to approve SD 94-18 (Amendment of the Academic Regulations [SD 85-18] -of Credit).

94-18. S. Hollander moved to suspend the rules in order to take final action on SD

Motion to suspend passed on a voice vote.

Motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

b. L. Wootton moved to approve SD 94-19 (Revisions to the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct).

Motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

7. Question time (Senate Reference No. 94-21):

Q: Could the Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs provide us with a report on the renovation of the Liberal Arts Building? Faculty would be particularly interested in what is going to be done, when it will be done, and what problems it will solve. [M. Downs]

W. Branson (read by D. Katter): Phase I of the Liberal Arts Building air-handling system was completed in January, 1994. That phase dealt only with the main air-handling unit for the building. The project included the installation of a more efficient air-filtering system and increased fan speed of the return and supply air fans, along with other changes. This work was confined to the main mechanical room on the ground floor of the building.

Phase II of the project will include the following work.

1. *Add additional system capacity by placing most of the third floor Medical Education area on a separate air-handling system.*

air- 2. *Provide individual room temperature control by replacing all of the variable volume boxes with new mixing boxes that have hot water heat and coil included.*

3. *Increase airflow to individual rooms by removing and replacing significant numbers of return-air ducts.*

All of the work required in individual spaces will occur above the ceilings. The ceilings will need to be removed for the work to take place as well as floor space made available for the workmen to elevate themselves to the space above the ceiling

The project is scheduled to begin around mid May, 1995, and be totally complete by mid January, 1996. There is a possibility that this time frame can be compressed into four to five months. For periods of time, there will be disruptions to the individual spaces within the building that could last as long as two weeks. Every effort will be made to minimize any disruption to the rooms.

This project will allow more conditioned air to be delivered to each space within the building. The new system will be very similar to the system that is currently in place in the Engineering & Technology Building. Currently the system is not able to deliver an adequate amount of air to each space nor can it deliver warmed air as the space may require. The new system will be able to deliver the air that the individual space requires, in the proper quantity and quality.

The project will require a lot of close scheduling, patience, and cooperation. It will not be an easy undertaking, but the end result should be worth the grief and inconvenience that must be endured.

8. New business: There was no new business.
9. Committee reports, "for information only": Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 94-22) - D. Bialik:

D. Bialik presented SR No. 94-22 (B.S. in Health Services Management) with an addendum that this degree need not be reviewed by the Senate subject to the condition that this degree, like other baccalaureates at IPFW, meets the new general education requirements.

10. The general good and welfare of the University:

K. Trier: [During the renovation of CM,] I have been told that faculty will have to move out of their offices for a period of time. Is that accurate? If it is, what kind of provisions are going to be made to help faculty members continue with office hours and other activities in our offices? How do we manage if, for two weeks or so, we're not able to have an office?

D. Katter: I wish I had the magic wand to answer all those questions and certainly to make them happen. There will be periods of time when it will be necessary for faculty people to vacate their areas. We will try the best we can to create acceptable space. It won't be

appropriate; it won't be agreeable. We'll probably take sections of six rooms at a time—we'll relocate I don't know where. It's going to be a real bear.

K. Trier: Will you be providing the resources to do the transporting of all of our books and computers

D. Katter: We will move those things that will be necessary for you to function during this brief period. Two weeks ... is more than brief, but compared to the length of the project, it is brief. Those who have total libraries hanging on their walls should not have to have them transported. We can leave them in place and put Visqueen on them for protection. Those who have very serious objects of art that are fragile and irreplaceable, I recommend that they be moved elsewhere while that office is being serviced and, preferably, not moved by my staff.

J. Taylor: Don, you mentioned three things: the second one was the individual room-temperature control and the last was the air flow through the ducts. What was the first thing you mentioned?

D. Katter: We are taking a large portion of Medical Education off the main air-handling system. By doing this it gives the main air handler enough capacity to do what it needs to do effectively in the rest of the building.

J. Haw: Echoing Professor Trier's question, will there also be periods of up to two weeks when classes will not be able to meet in their scheduled classrooms?

D. Katter: It is our hope that the classroom portion of the project will be complete prior to the beginning of fall semester, 1995. Will it be comfortable in there? Perhaps not. Will it be noisy in the area? Probably so. But we cannot afford to lose those classrooms. It would be great if we could vacate the entire building and turn it over to the contractor. There is no way possible for us to do that.

S. Hollander: I have a comment and then a question. I am so glad that the Medical Education people are going to be separated from the rest of the building, but I can remember at least three occasions when those of us complaining about CM air were guaranteed that the 3rd floor heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems were already separated from the rest of the building. It is disturbing to find out that wasn't true. My question is, will provisions be made or special accommodations be made for those members--especially the clerical staff who normally have to be in the building eight hours a day and who have, for some, already demonstrated sensitivity to whatever is in the building?

D. Katter: We will do the very best we can. In order to fix something it is going to take some time. We will do the best we can with temporary setups of fans and possibly portable air-conditioner units. We will give it our best shot. There will be dust involved. It should not be as dusty as the Neff Hall project, but anytime you take ceiling pads down, there will be some dust involved. There is no doubt about it.

M. Downs asked if there were other questions regarding the Liberal Arts Building. Hearing none, he yielded the chair.

M. Downs: Before the problem is solved, I want to say something about the history of the Liberal Arts Building and have it entered in the public record. I am not saying these things in order to blame anybody, but the building has been an extremely uncomfortable place to work from the day we moved in, which is a lot longer ago than many of us care to admit.

The first problem was noise. We found very soon that you could not lecture in classrooms if there was a class going on in the room next door. Soundproofing had to be put in the walls so that normal conversations could be held without them being overheard in the next room. The first winter the heating ~system was so bad that many of us had temperatures in our offices that were below 60" and this continued for some time. We complained about the stale air in the building and the effect on health from the start. We received very little sympathy from the administration.

In 1988, two studies were performed on the air quality in the building--some seven years after we moved. The first of these was conducted early in the year when the building was closed and it showed that in every respect the air handling was inadequate. The report recommended that smoking be banned in the building. This report was not released. The second study was performed later in the spring in

g weather on a Monday after the building had been empty over the weekend. That report showed that the av uality was, although not good, acceptable. That was the report that was release The administration continued to oppose efforts that were made to ban smoking in the building. During this time I had two conversations with administrators which remain indicative of the attitude of administrators during that period toward the people who worked in the building. I said that the building was unhealthy and perhaps even a "sick building." An administrator said that was an irresponsible thing to say because if it were well-known and accepted as fact, the university would be liable for damages and also for costly improvements to the building.

The second conversation elicited the comment that there was .a time when people showed up for work, never complained about this sort of thing, did their work, went home, and were happy to have jobs. Until just recently, the attitude of those responsible for air quality in the building took an attitude which was not collegial or humanitarian--not even paternalistic or parental--but adversarial. Occasionally everything gets stripped away and basic attitudes come to the fore. The attitude was adversarial.

I am particularly grateful to Walter Branson, the first Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs that took an open and helpful attitude towards conditions in the building. This, of course, was a long time after we had been in the building and after a great deal of discomfort. On a list of crimes against humanity, not doing something about an uncomfortable, unhealthful building ranks pretty low on the scale, but I do think that the response has been a lot less than the building's inhabitants deserved. Some good things have come from this and the Engineering and Technology Building is the best thing that has come out of this process.

We can learn from our mistakes. I am not expecting people to actually admit their mistakes, but I'll tell you, CM was full of mistakes and the response in regard to the air quality was, for a long time, the worst mistake--a small-minded and mean mistake.

The current plan for the rehabilitation of CM is simply not friendly enough to the people who work there. The chancellor assures me that every effort will be made to persuade the engineering firm to take steps to protect the health and ensure minimal discomfort and to speed the process. I and others have urged him that an important aspect of this work is the cleanup that takes place afterward. I expect that in order to accomplish a project costing well over a million dollars that there will be a lot of dislocation. All I ask is that real effort to minimize the discomfort and the hazards to health be undertaken before the project begins... . My grandfather, who had a lot of experience with landlords, said that the worst kind of landlord is an absentee landlord. I have no doubt that if the people responsible for CM actually had their offices there and had to work there this project would have been undertaken a decade ago and the problems would have been solved by now....

M. Downs resumed the chair.

B. Bulmahn: I perhaps should have presented this as an advanced question, but as an advisor I am wondering how the Student Information System is going to be operating during spring early registration. Is it going to be the same as before, or not?

M. Downs: Is there anybody from the administration that is in a position to answer that question and is willing to do so today?

J. Dahl: The SCT-based SIS system will be used for summer and fall registrations. There will be some arrangements in place to support differing needs among financial aid and bursar offices at the time of implementation as they close out old fiscal-year business. In terms of advisors and other people processing registrations, that will take place entirely through the new system. *The Users Advisory Committee* is meeting Wednesday and ~ be given a draft of the user manual.... We will be asking for them to critique it and to make improvements in it. The training manual will then be distributed in conjunction with training sessions, which are going to be announced within the next *couple* of days. The general plan is there will be three general open sessions with follow-up sessions on a more localized basis. All of that will take place between now and the day registration begins in March.

R. Hess: In this room on Wednesday, February 15, from 12-1:15 the IPFW AAUP Chapter will host "Chancellor's Office Hour: a question and answer session." He will come with some questions already in hand that many of you have sent to us. If you have questions you would like to ask the Chancellor, this Wednesday is your opportunity.

S. Argast: You asked that I keep you informed of information pertaining to the parking garage and the fee structure. URPC has made a recommendation to the Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs--it is only a recommendation--that will probably be acted upon by

the Vice Chancellor. In 1995-96, A and B stickers will cost \$66.00 and \$22.00, respectively. They will increment up about \$6.00 a year until the year 2000. In 2000 and 2001, it will be \$96.00 for A and \$52.00 for B. It will remain static for the foreseeable future. Those numbers could be tinkered with as specific dollar amounts for the construction of *the* garage become known and if there are other events of an unforeseeable nature that raise or lower those numbers. That's the general ballpark of where the A and B parking stickers will be over the next decade.

11. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Blauvelt Secretary of the Faculty