

**Minutes of the
Fifth Regular Meeting of the Eighteenth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
February 8, 1999**

**12:00 P.M., Kettler G46
(<http://www.ipfw.edu/senate>)**

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of January 11, 1998
3. Acceptance of the agenda - J. Vollmer
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
 - a. Indiana University - M. Downs
 - b. Purdue University - J. Wilson
5. Report of the Presiding Officer (Senate Reference No. 98-16)- R. Hess
6. Special business of the day
 - a. Memorial Resolution (Senate Reference No. 98-19) – D. Pfeffenberger
 - b. Nominations and Elections Committee (Senate Reference No. 98-17) – W. D. Weakley
7. Committee reports requiring action
 - a. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 98-10) – L. Wright-Bower
 - b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 98-11) – L. Wright-Bower
 - c. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 98-12) – L. Wright-Bower
 - d. Agenda Committee (Senate Document SD 98-13) – J. Vollmer
 - e. Academic Personnel Grievance Board (Senate Document SD 98-14) – W. J. Wilson
8. New business
9. Committee reports "for information only"
Educational Policy Committee (Senate Reference No. 98-18) – L. Wright-Bower
10. The general good and welfare of the University
11. Adjournment

Presiding Officer: R. Hess

Parliamentarian: J. Clausen (absent)

Sergeant-at-Arms: M. Sherr

Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Senate Members Present:

K. Ahern, R. Barrett, R. Berger, E. Blakemore, F. Borelli, W. Branson, J. Brennan, C. Champion, M. Codispoti, N. Cothorn, V. Coufoudakis, V. Craig, M. Downs, C. Drummond, R. Emery, B. Fife, L. Fox, S. Hannah, J. Haw, B. Harwood, L. Hess, B. Hume, M. Kimble, B. Kingsbury, R. Manalis, K. McDonald, J. Nichols, M. Nusbaumer, D. Oberstar, D. Pfeffenberger, A. Pugh, D. Ross, B. Salmon, H. Samavati, D. Schmidt, Z. Shipchandler, J. Silver, J. Tankel, M. H. Thuente, R. Tierney, A. Ushenko, D. Vasquez, M. Wartell, W. D. Weakley, J. Wilson, L. Wright-Bower, Y. Zubovic

Senate Members Absent:

V. Badii, P. Bingi, C. Leiserson, K. Morrin, J. Vollmer

Attachments:

["Memorial Resolution: David Gotlob"](#) (Senate Reference No. 98-19)

["Academic Calendar for 2001-2002"](#) (SD 98-10)

["Amendment of the Academic Regulations \(SD 85-18\): Plus-Minus Grading"](#) (SD 98-11)

["Approval of replacement members of the Educational Policy Committee, the Agenda Committee, and the Rules Committee"](#) (SD 98-13, as amended)

["Grievance Procedures for Purdue Academic Personnel at IPFW"](#) (SD 98-14)

Representative from Medical Education: R. Sweazey

Faculty Members Present: L. Balthaser, S. Frey-Ridgway, A. Karim, D. Legg, D. McCants, J. Moore

Visitors Present: K. Browne, J. Brunts, J. Dahl, F. Guzik, C. Isaacs

Acta

1. Call to order: R. Hess called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of January 11, 1999: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:

 N. Cothern moved acceptance of the agenda with an addition under "special business of the day": Memorial Resolution for Professor David Gotlob.

 The agenda was approved as amended.
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:
 - a. Indiana University: M. Downs had no report.
 - b. Purdue University: J. Wilson had no report.
5. Report of the Presiding Officer – (SR No. 98-16) - Hess:
 R. Hess presented SR No. 98-16 for information only.
6. Special business of the day:
 - a. Memorial Resolution: David Gotlob (SR No. 98-19) – D. Pfeffenberger:

D. Pfeffenberger read the memorial resolution for David Gotlob. A moment of silence was observed.

(See attached SR No. 98-19)

b. Nomination and Elections Committee (SR No. 98-17) – W. D. Weakley:

W. D. Weakley and Y. Zubovic conducted the election for the Presiding Officer for the academic year, 1999-2000. R. Hess was elected.

7. Committee reports requiring action:

a. Educational Policy Committee (SD 98-10) – L. Wright-Bower:

L. Wright-Bower moved to approve SD 98-10 (Proposed Academic Calendar for 2001-2002).

Motion was approved unanimously.

b. Educational Policy Committee (SD 98-11) – L. Wright-Bower:

L. Wright-Bower moved to approve SD 98-11 (Amendment of the Academic Regulations [SD 85-18]: Plus-Minus Grading).

Motion was approved unanimously.

c. Educational Policy Committee (SD 98-12) – L. Wright-Bower:

L. Wright-Bower moved to approve SD 98-12 (Campus-wide Acceptance of CLEP Credit).

L. Wright-Bower moved to recommit SD 98-12 to the Educational Policy Committee. Second.

Motion to recommit passed unanimously.

d. Agenda Committee (SD 98-13) – N. Cothern:

N. Cothern moved to approve SD 98-13 (Approval of replacement members of the Educational Policy Committee and the Agenda Committee).

K. McDonald moved to amend SD 98-13 so as to approve Margit Codispoti as a replacement member on the Rules Committee. Second.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

Motion to approve SD 98-13, as amended, passed unanimously.

e. Grievance Procedures for Purdue Academic Personnel at IPFW (SD 98-14) – W. J. Wilson:

W. J. Wilson moved to approve SD 98-14 (Grievance Procedures for Purdue Academic Personnel at IPFW) with several editorial changes.

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. New business: There was no new business.

9. Committee reports "for information only": Educational Policy Committee (Senate Reference

No. 98-18) – L. Wright-Bower:

L. Wright-Bower presented SR No. 98-18 (Academic Calendar Formula – for information only).

10. The general good and welfare of the University:

M. Nusbaumer: Over a year ago the faculty, in convocation, requested that the Senate engage in an evaluation of the senior administration of this University. I have heard nothing. I am curious as to where that process is?

J. Silver: It wasn't in response to the Faculty Convocation; it was a Senate policy passed last spring. They charged the Faculty Affairs Committee to update the Upward Feedback form and to arrange to have Upward Feedback conducted on an annual basis. The Committee has just recently completed the process of updating those forms and we will have on the next Senate agenda for information only copies of the forms and a description of how they will be distributed. At the same time we will begin the process of having those forms distributed and tabulated.

J. Haw: I have an announcement regarding General Education—a topic that has long concerned me. I have made it a personal project beginning late last semester to try to organize a grassroots, faculty effort to change our current General Education system. I have been consulting with a small group of concerned faculty. We hope to have a draft of an alternative General Education plan ready very shortly. My intention is to post that draft on the *issues du jour* bulletin board, probably late this week or early next week. I am hoping that **all** faculty will pay attention to this, think about it, and start a dialogue. Let us know your reactions positive or negative--make comments for changes. I am sure that we won't all agree on everything; the group that is working on it doesn't agree on everything. But I'd like to see what comes of this. Now I don't regularly read the bulletin

boards, I must confess, and I am sure that some other people don't either. So I do want to take this opportunity to alert you to the fact that this is coming and ask you to inform colleagues in your academic units that this is coming for discussion.

M. Downs: At the same time, and in no way in conflict with what Professor Haw has mentioned, the General Education Subcommittee has solicited input from every department on campus regarding the General Education program that is currently in place. I think that the more discussion there is about General Education, the more likely we are to develop a General Education program that satisfies the largest number of faculty and moves us toward the goal of providing every student here with a good background early in their academic careers. I certainly hope everybody will take advantage of the opportunity that Professor Haw's group is offering them. I think it is also important that those of us on the General Education Subcommittee receive input as well.

R. Hess: Professor Haw, do you anticipate that your group will be making recommendations to the General Education Subcommittee?

J. Haw: This has not been worked out. The General Education Subcommittee's initiative is recent. I certainly welcome it. And, at the very least, I would propose to send the General Education Subcommittee a copy of the current plan that we are working on. I will stay in touch with the chair of that committee.

K. McDonald: I have a question regarding the General Education Subcommittee: Have you already solicited or gotten that information from the various departments, or is it coming right now?

M. Downs: It is in process.

R. Manalis: I would clarify that. The committee sent out a questionnaire to the chairs of all the departments asking the chairs to dialogue with their faculty on that. So, see your chair.

K. McDonald: I am the chair.

E. Blakemore: I think it came from our dean's office. I think it went to the dean and then to the chair.

R. Hess: Further discussion? I understand that we have an educational effort at State House Day on Wednesday. Those of you who can make it, please do so. I want to thank the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee for its efforts. I think they've made a valiant effort and continue to do so on our behalf. We ought to support them in every way possible. I appreciate that.

L. Hess: I just wanted to thank the folks that were involved in arranging the "Celebration

of Life" that we had last week. I appreciate the effort and that we were able to do that.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Blauvelt
Secretary of the Faculty