

Minutes of the
Seventh Regular Meeting of the Fifteenth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
March 11, 1996
3:00 P.M., Kettler G46

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of February 12, 1996
3. Acceptance of the agenda -N. Younis
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
 - a. Purdue University -J. Hersberger
 - b. Indiana University -S. Hollander
5. Report of the Presiding Officer -M. Downs
6. Committee reports requiring action
 - a. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-10) -S. Hollander
 - b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-11) -S. Hollander
7. New business
8. Committee reports "for information only"
 - a. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-16) -S. Hollander
 - b. Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-17) -N. Younis
9. The general good and welfare of the University
10. Adjournment

Presiding Officer: M. Downs

Parliamentarian: M. Sherr

Sergeant-at-Arms: R. Barrett

Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Senate Members Present:

R. Berger, F. Borelli, N. Bradley, W. Branson, B. Bulmahn, C. Butler, C. Champion, J. Clausen, D. Cox, V. Craig, L. DeFonso, M. Downs, D. Edwards, L. Felber, O. Freiburger, S. Frey-Ridgway, R. Gillespie, R. Hack, P. Hamburger, J. Haw, J. Hersberger, R. Hess, C. Hill, S. Hollander, R. Jeske, G. Kartsounes, J. Knight, M. Lane, P. Lane, D. Legg, M. Masters, L. Motz, G. Mourad, L. Schlager, M. Scudder, Z. Shipchandler, P. Stubblebine, P. Terry, C. Thompson, D. Townsend, K. Trier, W. Utesch, M. Wartell, L. Wright-Bower, N. Younis

Senate Members Absent:

S. Argast, C. Chauhan, N. Cothorn, J. Grant, C. Humphrey, R. Kendall, D. Oberstar, K. O'Connell, H. Samavati, D. Schmidt, M. H. Thuente

Representative from Medical Education: K. Redman

Faculty Members Present: L. Balthaser, J. DiIorio, F. English, J. Jones, D. Pfeffenberger

Visitors Present: J. Dahl, N. Newell

Attachments:

"Academic Calendar--1998-1999" (SD 95-10)

"Amendment to the Bylaws--Disestablishment of the Accelerated High School Studies Advisory Subcommittee and establishment of the Distance Education Subcommittee" (SD 95-11)

1. Call to order: M. Downs called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of February 12, 1996: 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. Purdue University:

J. Hersberger: I have just a general statement about things happening on campus. I hope many of you are aware that Lot 11, which is the A lot over by Classroom-Medical, is out of service now--or if it is not out now it will be out any minute.

W. Branson: It will be out at the end of March.

J. Hersberger: It means the A parking spaces won't be there anymore. The University Resources Policy Committee met with Chief DenHartog and did an allotment where A spaces were moved and we have more A spaces in the parking garage now. I thought I would also remind you of the status of the parking garage we're going to build. Last year the Senate voted to increase parking fees on this campus over a fifteen-year period. The parking garage was originally slated to be finished in the fall of 1997; it turns out that the site that was chosen, which is clearly best in terms of the master plan and other things, may not be the easiest site to implement in terms of design and actual site work. So the parking garage that was going to be available in fall of 1997 is now slated to be available in spring of 1998. Parking fees that were going to be increased are still increased, but that puts us in a situation of increasing fees for something that won't be done as quickly as we thought. One of the advantages is that the cap stays as planned. If we had waited to implement the increase in fees we would probably end up spending more on fees in the future. So it won't be here as quickly as possible, but it still will be here. The current plan is that the garage will be slightly larger than we had originally anticipated because it turns out that once you get past a certain size you can make it a little bit bigger without much more in the way of money. Cost-effectively, it can be bigger.

b. Indiana University:

S. Hollander: The IU University Faculty Council has provisionally approved a substitute early-retirement plan for those IU faculty employees who are not covered by the 18/20 plan because they came in or after 1989. That plan will go before the IU Board of Trustees after a few more questions are settled.

The current hot topic of discussion on email at IU is use of clinical ranks for faculty. It is not a big issue on this campus because we use those ranks minimally. It will be decided at the next UFC meeting which will be at Fort Wayne on March 26 in Walb Union. The meeting starts at 1:30 and is open to anyone who wants a good time.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer -M. Downs:

M. Downs: I have been asked to announce that the deadline for items for the April agenda is Friday, March 22. The April meeting will be our last meeting and it promises to be larger and longer than any meeting we've had. Maybe larger and longer than all of the meetings we've had put together this year. It's a tendency we have to backload the process.

Just to elaborate a bit on what Steve said in connection with the new early-retirement plan for the Class of '89, faculty on this campus who are members of the Class of '89 and who joined the faculty after that time and prior to the point that all new hires became Purdue employees, should look at the plan very carefully because it does provide investment opportunities for those who may at some point consider the option of retiring from the university early. I think it is an improvement over what was in the *Academic Handbook*.

6. Committee reports requiring action:

a. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-10) -S. Hollander:

S. Hollander moved to approve SD 95-10 (Academic Calendar, 1998-1999).

Motion to approve SD 95-10 passed unanimously.

b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-11) -S. Hollander:

S. Hollander moved to approve SD 95-11 (Amendment to the Bylaws-- Disestablishment of the Accelerated High School Studies Advisory Subcommittee and establishment of the Distance Education Subcommittee).

Motion to approve SD 95-11 passed unanimously.

7. New Business: There was no new business.

8. Committee reports "for information only"

a. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Reference No.95-16): -S. Hollander

SR No.95-16 (Recommendation on a Freshman Experience Pilot Project) was presented for information only.

M. Downs: To whom are these recommendations made?

S. Hollander: The world.

R. Hess: If the project is directed to the world, and the world turns its back on it, what's the point?

S. Hollander: It is our expectation that the office of academic affairs will take these-- and has already indicated a willingness to take these--recommendations seriously. As early as last summer there were attempts, unsuccessful it turns out, to fill the director's job and get some of these things done. We are confident that we won't go another year without some substantial progress toward implementing these recommendations. They may well not all be implemented in the immediate future.

R. Hess: How far along are we on this pilot-tested, three-year freshman experience project?

S. Hollander: Ground zero.

J. Haw: I note that in section I.D. the proposal suggests that the student counselors involved in this program should receive academic credit for their work. I was wondering what the justification is for giving academic credit.

S. Hollander: It would be supervised. It would be for them an educational experience, they would be evaluated, and it is also a way of getting inexpensive labor.

J. Haw. Hmmm.

R. Hess: By what mechanism would students receive academic credit for counseling, because I think we are now in the area of Senate concern?

S. Hollander: In our discussion we talked about where that credit would come from and determined that it would come from an "appropriate" academic unit as authorized under normal mechanisms by that academic unit. Some thought that it would be likely to be the School of Education, but that is not written into this document and alternatives might be worked out. There is no intention of granting credit using some novel or bizarre methods.

J. Haw: I would just offer the opinion, for what it's worth--which is probably nothing--that while this seems to be a very good program on the whole, I do question the appropriateness of offering academic credit in this context.

b. Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No.95-17) -N. Younis:

N. Younis presented SR No.95-17 (Items under Consideration by Senate Committees and Subcommittees) for information only.

R. Hess: Is there anyone here from the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee? I am particularly interested in some information concerning this development of recommendations regarding the IPFW budget and budgetary issues now that the state legislature has acted. I know Professor Ashton chairs that subcommittee. Is there someone here from the Subcommittee?

[No one responded.]

M. Downs: Do you want to make that a formal request for a report?

R. Hess: I think it would be appropriate, but if we have a super huge agenda in April I don't know if we can handle it.

M. Downs: There is nothing easier than to put things on the agenda. It is handling them with dispatch that is the problem. We might not get around to it, but then again we might.

R. Hess: I think it would be appropriate to have a report from them.

M. Downs: Would the chair of the Agenda Committee make a note please? It is not an action of the body, but nevertheless should be handled with as much receptivity as the agenda will allow for April.

9. The general good and welfare of the University:

M. Downs: Shortly before the meeting I asked the Chancellor if it would be possible for a report on the current condition and status of the library to be made at the April meeting. He indicated that steps were already being taken to prepare information upon which such a report could be based and, if things go forward as expected, we will be able to have a short report on the status and condition of the library at that meeting. Any other comments?

M. Wartell: It is possible that we can't gather the data in time. It requires gathering data from other campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Blauvelt
Secretary of the Faculty