

Minutes of the
Seventh Regular Meeting of the Twenty-Eighth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
March 16, 2009
12:00 P.M., Kettler G46

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of February 9, 2009
3. Acceptance of the agenda – B. Abbott
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
 - a. Indiana University – M. Nusbaumer
 - b. Purdue University – N. Younis
5. Report of the Presiding Officer – S. Davis
6. Committee reports requiring action
7. New business
 - a. Senate Document SD 08-2 – P. Iadicola
 - b. Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs – M. Nusbaumer
8. Committee reports “for information only”
 - a. Executive Committee (Senate Reference No. 08-17) – B. Abbott
 - b. Graduate Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 08-18) – J. Garrison
 - c. Nominations and Elections Committee (report on Purdue Speaker election)
9. The general good and welfare of the University
10. Adjournment*

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

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

Attachments:

“Proposal for Defending Departmental Faculty Rights of Discussion and Recommendation for Departmental Curriculum” (SD 08-2, failed)

Senate Members Present:

B. Abbott, N. Adilov, A. Argast, S. Ashur, S. Beckman, S. Blythe, W. Branson, J. Burg, J. Dalby, S. Dhawale, P. Dragnev, B. Dupen, C. Erickson, R. Friedman, J. Garrison, T. Grove, I. Hack, P. Iadicola, J. Jackson, M. Lipman, D. Liu, G. McClellan, K. McDonald, W. McKinney, L. Meyer, D. Moore, G. Moss, G. Mourad, K. Moustafa, M. Nusbaumer, T. Parker, K. Pollock, T. Prickett, D. Redett, M. Ridgeway, L. Roberts, J. Summers, R. Sutter, J. Toole, A. Ushenko, W. Utesch, G. Voland, M. Walsh, G. Wang, M. Wartell, M. Wolf, N. Younis

Senate Members Absent:

D. Charlesworth, R. Elaver, E. Foley, J. Grant, D. Mueller, C. Thompson

Faculty Members Present: R. Barrett, L. Finke, J. Leatherman, P. Ng, K. O'Connell, D. Townsend

Visitors Present: B. Busby, J. Dahl, M. Franke, R. Kostrubanic

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1. Call to order: S. Davis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of February 9, 2009: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:

B. Abbott moved to approve the agenda as distributed.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:

- a. Indiana University:

M. Nusbaumer: Within less than three weeks of the Campus Promotion & Tenure Committee making its recommendations, I had a candidate list to me who on that committee voted specifically on their case. Such information can only come from a breach of confidentiality on that Campus Promotion & Tenure Committee. I find such breaches not only to be unprofessional but seriously draw into question the integrity of the entire process. I hope we do not witness that again.

- b. Purdue University:

N. Younis: Good afternoon, colleagues. I attended some of the Trustees meetings this academic year. At the September and February meetings I had the opportunity to address the Trustees on behalf of IPFW faculty. At that time, I thanked them for their support to IPFW and for the approval of the construction contract for the student services and library complex.

I highlighted the issues of equity and institutional funding. I noted and called to their attention that the campus has made significant advancement in recent years, but the equity and institutional funding remain a serious concern as we are constantly near the bottom of the list when it comes to state appropriations for higher education. I noted that the past arguments have not justified the lack of funding given to IPFW, and I would like for the board to address the increase of funding for IPFW.

Thank you.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer – S. Davis:

S. Davis: We are borderline on what is coming in during the General good and welfare of the University section and what should be coming in during Question time. Questions for the administration seem to be being asked during the General good and welfare of the University,

and they may need time to prepare for those. I have not seen any real problems with it, but a couple have been borderline on what should go into Question Time and what should go into the General good and welfare of the University.

6. Committee reports requiring action: There were no committee reports requiring action.

7. New business:

a. Senate Document SD 08-2 – P. Iadicola:

P. Iadicola moved to approve Senate Document SD 08-2 (Proposal for Defending Departmental Faculty Rights of Discussion and Recommendation for Departmental Curriculum). Seconded by Michael Nusbaumer.

R. Sutter moved to amend SD 08-2 to strike the words “interference with” and substitute **interjection into** in paragraphs three and four. The third paragraph would read “And Whereas, any ~~interference with~~ **interjection into** the right of department faculty ...” and the fourth paragraph would read “Therefore Be It Resolved, that non-program faculty ... be limited to providing information but not proposing or ~~interfering with~~ **interjecting into** faculty discussion” Seconded.

J. Garrison called the previous question (close debate). Seconded.

Motion to call the previous question passed by a show of hands (2/3 majority: 37 for, 10 against).

Motion to approve the amendment failed on a voice vote.

K. Pollock called the previous question (close debate). Seconded.

Motion to call the previous question passed by a show of hands (2/3 majority).

Motion to approve SD 08-2 failed by a show of hands.

S. Davis yielded the chair to Speaker Younis.

b. M. Nusbaumer nominated Senator Erickson to fill a possible vacancy on the Board of Review.

The floor was open to nominations.

K. Pollock moved to close nominations. Seconded.

Motion to close nominations passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Speaker Younis yielded the chair back to the Presiding Officer.

8. Committee reports “for information only”:

a. Executive Committee (Senate Reference No. 08-17) – B. Abbott:

Senate Reference No. 08-17 (Items under consideration in Senate Committees and Subcommittees) was presented for information only.

b. Graduate Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 08-18) – J. Garrison:

Senate Reference No. 08-18 (Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Special Education) was presented for information only.

c. Nominations and Elections Committee – M. Walsh:

M. Walsh announced that Robert Barrett was elected as the Purdue University Speaker for 2009-2011.

9. The general good and welfare of the University:

M. Nusbaumer: I wanted to make an observation, and I think an important one, in terms of what happened in the Department of Sociology. What is most troubling to me about what occurred in my department is what I consider to be the central administration’s neglect of fundamental issues of academic freedom. As Senator Iadicola mentioned, there were faculty members in our department who raised questions about the professional integrity of a program in our department. The administration became involved, failed to investigate those charges, but instead chose to restrict at least half of the faculty in the department from having any input, control over, or influence over that program. That right was taken away for a three-year period. I consider the right to make professional judgments a part of my academic freedom, and I feel as though I, and those in my department, have been punished for expressing those. I also would argue that it is a violation of faculty rights granted to Indiana University faculty as part of the Indiana University Academic Handbook, particularly page 31. I hope this situation never arises again.

G. Mourad: I need another clarification on the issue brought forth by Senators Iadicola and Nusbaumer. I can see that 49 percent of the faculty was voted down and the 51 percent was in favor of something that the administrator wanted. That is democracy. Was that the scenario?

M. Nusbaumer: No.

A. Ushenko: I frankly feel strongly, and am not unfriendly at all to the idea of the Senate restating the importance of respecting spheres of authority. Specifically, if they will, the sphere of faculty authority at the primary level, which directly makes value judgments about programs, pedagogy, professional requirements, and so forth. I would have voted for that. My problem is the fact that too much time on a specific incident and the word “interference” was not only incendiary, but also raised an issue of whether indeed the administration was interfering. You do not want that. You do not want to have to have clarification of a principle. It will weaken it. That was why I did not vote for the amendment.

C. Erickson: Could Chancellor Wartell give us an update on the Child Care Center?

A. Downs: Technically observations about the observation are allowed, but this is not an opportunity for questions, per se.

M. Wartell: While neither of our basketball teams fared well in the tournament, at least they made the tournament. However, yesterday the baseball team had a 1-0 victory over Purdue-West Lafayette. It was a great win.

There really is nothing new to report on the budget. In fact, today the Senate Finance Committee will meet to hear all the university presentations, and Purdue and Indiana Universities will both present at that meeting. It will probably go on until 9 or 10 p.m. Everybody will have heard absolutely everything there is to know about all of the universities. We will see what happens as a result. Again, the April revenue forecast will determine exactly what is going to happen.

On a really positive note, and it is something we have been working on for a while, is that there is a reciprocity agreement that existed for students in several Ohio counties to be able to get in-state tuition in Indiana, and similarly for Indiana students to be able to go to Ohio and get in-state tuition in Ohio. We were not a part of that original agreement. It put us at a disadvantage with respect to Ball State University because they had that agreement with respect to Van Wert County, which is really our service area. Starting in 2010 all of the Ohio schools will sign off on it. I believe we will be able to be part of that reciprocity agreement. If you run into Marilyn Moran Townsend who is on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, she was a real champion for us in that regard. It should have happened a while ago; I am glad it has happened now. It will work out well for us.

With respect to the Child Care Center, we are still working on the retail development, and Walt Branson has been intimately involved with that for a long time. We are slowly getting to a point where I think we have a developer; and we have an agreement with, although not in writing yet but at least in principle, the Abundant Life Church. They have a completely unused child care facility which is a very, very nice child care facility. We think we will be able to move to a 40-hour a week child care along with infant and toddler care. That is the direction we are headed. We also believe that we can keep it as inexpensive for the students as we have before. That is as much of an update as I can give you right now.

M. Nusbaumer: Do you have any sense of how long it will take them to make a decision? I realize faculty increments are dependent on what the legislature decides. Can you give us any sense of a time frame when you think you will know?

M. Wartell: Yes. I think by law, on April 29 we will know.

M. Nusbaumer: Haven't they stopped the clock in the past?

M. Wartell: They do not like to do that any more than we like them to do that. My guess is that it will go right to the wire, until midnight, and even then, as you know, the governor has called for no increments throughout the state system. Whether that will happen or not is really dependent on what the budget looks like. Last week we had a good week in the stock market. I do not know what will happen this week.

M. Wolf: A month ago, the child care director said that the Abundant Life Church situation was not going to happen, and they were going to stay in the building as it currently is. I am assuming that that situation has now changed.

M. Wartell: I would like to think that that is a less-informed opinion than mine.

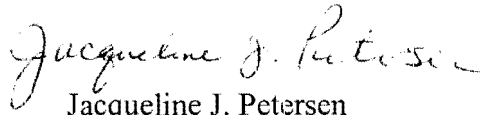
C. Erickson: I seem to recall you said something about an increase in enrollments for the fall. Is that still about an 8-10 percent increase? Is that what we are talking about? I somehow got that percentage.

M. Wartell: No, we really do not know anything about the fall enrollments yet. We can tell approximately where we are, but it is very early in our process. We have significant increases in applications, but that could be just a timing issue. We just do not know. If we had an 8-10 percent enrollment increase, that would be extremely difficult to deal with. You just cannot hire faculty and assure the quality of the faculty if you are working on that kind of time limit. Three or four percent enrollment increases are much more reasonable.

I would like to introduce Bruce Busby who is our Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Success. He is taking Rachelle Darabi's place. We are delighted to have Bruce Busby on this campus. He comes highly recommended.

S. Davis: Remember that next month is the last Senate meeting of the academic year.

10. The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.


Jacqueline J. Petersen
Secretary of the Faculty

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Peter Iadicola

SUBJECT: Proposal for Defending Departmental Faculty Rights of Discussion and Recommendation for Departmental Curriculum

DATE: October 20, 2008

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer for implementation

Whereas, under the Constitution of the Faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, section VI, part B, defining the powers of the faculty of this institution, it states that "...the power to review and approve academic degrees, to develop curriculum, instructional and examination procedures and undergraduate degree requirements, and to nominate candidates for these degrees is delegated to the school and division faculties, and the power to develop course content and new courses is delegated to the academic departments."

And Whereas, the Voting Faculty of academic departments are the most knowledgeable about the content and standards of the curriculum that falls within their department's program offerings.

And Whereas, any interference with the right of department faculty by non-departmental faculty and administrators, including Deans, Vice Chancellors, or the Chancellor, to discuss and consider proposals to recommend creation, modification or elimination of programs that are offered by their department is a serious breach of departmental faculty powers and responsibilities.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that non-program faculty and administrative personnel who are to participate in departmental faculty deliberations regarding program curriculum are to participate only upon invitation by the faculty of the department and that their participation be limited to providing information but not proposing or interfering with faculty discussion and proposals for recommendation for program creation, modification, or elimination.