

Minutes of the
Eighth Regular Meeting of the Fifteenth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
April 18, 15, and 22, 1996
3:00 P.M., Kettler G46

Agenda*

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of March 11, 1996
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4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
 - a. Purdue University -J. Hersberger
 - b. Indiana University -S. Hollander
5. Report of the Presiding Officer (Senate Reference No.95-18) -M. Downs
6. Committee reports requiring action
 - a. Nominations and Elections Committee (Senate Reference No.95-19) -C. Chauhan
 - b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-12) -S. Hollander
 - c. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-13) -S. Hollander
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7. New business
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9. Committee reports "for information only"
 - a. Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 95-26) -P. Ashton
 - b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-20) -S. Hollander
 - c. Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 95-21) -D. Bialik
 - d. Student Affairs Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-22) -C. Thompson
 - e. Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-23) -N. Younis
 - f. Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs -J. Hersberger
 - g. Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-24) -N. Younis
 - h. University Resources Policy Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-25) -P. Davich
10. The general good and welfare of the University
11. Adjournment

*As amended.

Attachments:

- "Results of the election of Senate Committees and Subcommittees" (SR No.95-27)
- ["Amendments of the general-education program \(amends SD 93-14 & SD 94-4\)"](#) (SD 95-12)"
Baccalaureate-level general education at IPFW" (SD 93-14, as amended)
- ["Criteria for approval of general-education-core course proposals"](#) (SD 94-4, as amended)
- ["Amendment of the Academic Regulations--Determination of student classification"](#) (SD 95-13)
(Academic Regulations, as amended, are available upon request.)
- ["Rescheduling of the Free Period"](#) (SD 95-14)

["Revision of School of Business and Management Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee Procedures Document and School of Business and Management Sciences Constitution and Bylaws \(part 6, Promotion and Tenure Committee membership\) SD 95-4"](#) (SD 95-15)

"School of Business and Management Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee Procedures Document and School of Business and Management Sciences Constitution and Bylaws (part 6, Promotion and Tenure Committee membership)" ([SD 95-4, as amended](#))

"Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee Recommendations for 1995-1997 Budgetary Year. Report to the Senate -April 8, 1996" (SR No. 95-26)

"Committee report for information only -Proposal for establishment of an IPFW information center" (SR No. 95-25)

Presiding Officer: M. Downs

Parliamentarian: M. Sherr

Sergeant-at-Arms: R. Barrett

Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Session I

(April 8)

Senate Members Present:

S. Argast, R. Berger, N. Bradley, W. Branson, B. Bulmahn, C. Butler, C. Champion, C. Chauhan, J. Clausen, N. Cothorn, D. Cox, V. Craig, L. DeFonso, M. Downs, D. Edwards, L. Felber, O. Freiburger, S. Frey-Ridgway, R. Gillespie, J. Grant, R. Hack, P. Hamburger, J. Haw, J. Hersberger, R. Hess, C. Hill, S. Hollander, R. Jeske, G. Kartsounes, J. Knight, P. Lane, D. Legg, M. Masters, G. Mourad, D. Oberstar, K. O'Connell, H. Samavati, L. Schlager, D. Schmidt, M. Scudder, Z. Shipchandler, P. Stubblebine, C. Thompson, K. Trier, L. Wright-Bower, N. Younis

Senate Members Absent:

F. Borelli, F. English, C. Humphrey, R. Kendall, M. Lane, L. Motz, P. Terry, M. H. Thuente, W. Utesch, M. Wartell

Representative from Medical Education: K. Redman

Faculty Members Present: P. Ashton, L. Balthaser, J. DiIorio, D. McCants, D. Townsend

Visitors Present: A. Colbert, J. Dahl, R. Zellers

1. Call to order: M. Downs called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of March 11, 1996: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:

N. Younis moved to amend the agenda by adding an item 8.h.: a report from the University Resources Policy Committee (SR No.95-25). Seconded.

Motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

The agenda was accepted as amended.

Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:

a. Purdue University:

J. Hersberger: I would like to begin with another speaker apology: an apology to the Senate and to the Agenda Committee. I was one of the people who did not get a report turned in on time for a committee called the Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs (PUCIA). I apologize to the Senate as a whole for that. I bring that up because, in lieu of a report later, I will make a short statement right now and then give you the results of an election. The PUCIA really hasn't met for two years and, if you look at Professor Hollander's report for the sort of sister/brother committee for IU, I have a sneaking suspicion that they haven't really met for quite some time. It might be appropriate at this point to determine what the actual purview of those committees is and, possibly, to restructure them out of existence. We have had Professor Schmidt kindly attend two meetings of the Intercampus Faculty Council at Purdue University. I think it is important to have a representative there, but I am not sure we need a committee to do that. One of the things this committee does do is hold an election for the Purdue University Faculty Grievance Board and I will announce their names; I will refrain from congratulating them because I am not sure that's appropriate. They are Professors Vasquez, Younis, Blakemore, Dhawale, Young, and Cowen.

The other brief comment I would like to make has to do with parking. We had a number of email messages about A parking after the closing of Lot 11 near the Classroom-Medical Building. I just want to let everybody know that that was not a decision that was made without any input whatsoever. Chief DenHartog brought a proposal to the University Resources Policy Committee (URPC) where it was discussed. At that time part of the proposal was to have visitor spots at the library changed to A. There was strong support in the URPC not to do that because the committee thought it was important to have spots there for people from off campus who were using the library. What the committee did agree to, which I think is what has been implemented, is that the entire first floor of the parking garage and that the first row of lot 4 become A, and the committee felt that, with the under-utilized A spots in lot 8, that would be an appropriate way to address the issue at this time. I asked Chief DenHartog today if there was a net loss of A spots and his response was, "a number less than ten. "

b. Indiana University:

S. Hollander: I did have an opportunity before this meeting to discuss with the Purdue Speaker the suggestion that the two CIAs may have outlived their usefulness. They tend to be active when the Management Agreement between this campus and the two parent institutions is being negotiated. I have mixed feelings about doing away with them, but it is certainly something that next year's CIAs, the Agenda Committee and the Rules Committee ought to give serious consideration to. I apologize for ending that sentence with a preposition.

The University Faculty Council met here late last month. It did pass the clinical ranks proposal that has essentially no effect on people on this campus. We will be meeting in Bloomington tomorrow. We will consider, not as an action item but an information item, a proposal that would limit the number of nontenure-track instructional people employed by Indiana University either on a given campus or in a given school. Nontenure-track instructional people would include graduate assistants, lecturers, visiting people, as well as people in the clinical ranks. It is a rather sweeping proposal, and what would happen if it were implemented and exactly what the proposal is going to be remains to be seen.

Also, Indiana University is considering changing the student code, which might make it more difficult for this campus to write its own code, which must be in accordance with the codes of both universities. The draft of the revisions that I have looked at doesn't seem to suggest that there would be insurmountable problems with our keeping our own code and our own way of dealing with student conduct and misconduct.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer (Senate Reference No.95-18) -M. Downs:

M. Downs: I would like to call your attention to Senate Reference No.95-18.

At the last meeting you may remember that I asked the Chancellor if it would be possible to receive a report from him regarding the status of the library at this meeting. He had already gathered information about library funding on this campus. He is not able to be here today. Late last month he gave me a summary report of the data that has been collected. I am sure that this will be no surprise to anyone here: Our library is poorly funded--not just in an absolute sense, but in a relative sense. In relation to the other libraries in the Indiana University system and the Purdue University system, our library is poorly funded. He recognizes the situation and said that he would be approaching the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee before the end of the semester with a plan whereby additional funding above that ordinarily allocated to the library would be provided for a period of years in order to catch up to something approaching respectability in regard to the other regional campus libraries. That will happen before the end of the semester and the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee will be in a position to make a recommendation to him regarding his proposal before the semester comes to an end. We also had a conversation about the possibility of an early implementation of the library fund drive, which will begin on this campus and then spread to the larger community. The data which he gave me will be available for distribution to the faculty following the meeting he has with the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee.

It is also appropriate, and regularly scheduled for this meeting, that the Presiding Officer, either under his report or under general good and welfare, acknowledge the special services accorded to the faculty in the Senate during the year by its officers. I would like to thank, on behalf of the Senate and myself, Mitch Sherr, who has served again as Parliamentarian; Bob Barrett, our Sergeant-at-Arms, who certainly made this meeting work better by being there to distribute all of the material that came late from the people

that prepared it; and Barbara Blauvelt, who has been the secretary of this body since it began and continues to perform her duties with devotion and skill that is, I think, unrivaled in any faculty governance body that I know of. I assume that I am joined in this expression of appreciation by all members of the faculty and this body.

I want to announce also that our colleague, Dyne Pfeffenberger, is facing serious surgery at St. Joseph Medical Center. I know that he would appreciate, and it would be appropriate for all of us, if we make whatever gesture of sympathy and support that we can during the next several days as he recovers from what I expect will be successful, although very serious, surgery.

I want to wish hail and farewell to two members of this Senate who served ex officio: Dean Cox, who is coming to the end of his trials and tribulations as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and moving to an even more noble profession--he will be a faculty member among us; and Dean Kartsounes, who is also, I hope for his sake, moving to a better land to take up duties elsewhere. I have appreciated their presence here at Senate meetings.

I have also been asked by the secretary to announce that by the beginning of the fall semester Senate documents, agendas, and minutes and other interesting information will be available to faculty on this campus and elsewhere via the World Wide Web. We will have our own Senate Web page.

6. Committee reports requiring action:

a. Nominations and Elections Committee (Senate Reference No.95-19) - C. Chauhan:

The Nominations and Elections Committee conducted the election of new members to Senate Committees and Subcommittees. (See Senate Reference No.95-27 attached)

b. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-12) -S. Hollander:

S. Hollander moved to approve SD 95-12 (Amendments to the general-education program [amends SD 93-14]).

Motion to approve SD 95-12 passed on a voice vote.

c. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-13) -S. Hollander:

S. Hollander moved to approve SD 95-13 (Amendment of the Academic Regulations--Determination of student classification).

Motion to approve SD 95-13 passed unanimously.

d. Educational Policy Committee (Senate Document SD 95-14) -S. Hollander:

S. Hollander moved to approve SD 95-14 (Rescheduling of the Free Period).

S. Hollander moved that a straw vote be conducted with the following choices for a free period: M -Noon; F -Noon; M -3:00 p .M. Seconded.

Motion to conduct a straw vote passed on a voice vote.

A straw vote was conducted and favored Monday at noon for the free period.

Motion to approve SD 95-14 passed on a voice vote.

7. New Business:

a. Faculty Affairs Committee (Senate Document SD 95-15) -M. Masters:

M. Masters moved to approve SD 95-15 (Revision of the School of Business and Management Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee Procedures Document and School of Business and Management Sciences Constitution and Bylaws [part 6, Promotion and Tenure Committee membership] SD 95-4). Seconded.

Motion to approve SD 95-15 passed on a voice vote.

b. Kathy Trier moved to approve the following resolution: That we suspend the implementation of the General Education requirements and ask the committee to reconsider and to resolve the concerns and problems in that program prior to reimplementation of that program. Seconded.

The meeting recessed at 4: 15 p.m.

Session II
(April 15)

Senate Members Present:

S. Argast, R. Berger, F. Borelli, N. Bradley, W. Branson, B. Bulmahn, C. Butler, C. Champion, C. Chauhan, J. Clausen, N. Cothorn, D. Cox, V. Craig, L. DeFonso, M. Downs, D. Edwards, L. Felber, O. Freiburger, S. Frey-Ridgway, R. Gillespie, J. Grant, 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, D. Oberstar, K. O'Connell, H. Samavati, L. Schlager, D. Schmidt, M. Scudder, Z. Shipchandler, P. Stubblebine, P. Terry, C. Thompson, K. Trier, W. Utesch, M. Wartell, L. Wright-Bower, N. Younis

Senate Members Absent: F. English, C. Humphrey, R. Kendall, M. H. Thuente

Representative from Medical Education: K. Redman

Faculty Members Present: P. Ashton, L. Balthaser, J. Beard, D. McCants

Visitors Present: A. Colbert, N. Newell

Acta

M. Downs reconvened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

The following motion was on the floor from the previous session:

That we suspend the implementation of the General Education requirements and ask the committee to reconsider and to resolve the concerns and problems in that program prior to reimplementation of that program. Seconded.

M. Downs yielded the chair to S. Hollander.

M. Downs moved to amend the main motion by substituting the following motion:

Resolved, That the complaints concerning General Education discussed at the last session of the Senate be referred to the General Education Subcommittee for consideration and that the Subcommittee report to the Senate through the Educational Policy Committee regarding this subject at an early meeting of the Senate during the fall semester. Seconded.

K. Trier moved that a roll call vote be taken. Seconded.

Motion for a roll call vote failed on a voice vote.

The substitute motion passed on a voice vote.

P. Hamburger moved to amend the substitute motion by adding the following: That we send this back to the General Education Subcommittee and replace the General Education requirement with what we will decide by the end of the next year. Seconded.

Motion to amend failed on a voice vote.

J. Grant moved to amend the substitute motion by adding the following: Be it further resolved, that the Educational Policy Committee take on the task of reviewing the rationale and motivations for having General Education in the first place. Seconded.

Motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

R. Hess moved to amend the substitute motion, as amended, by replacing the words "at an early meeting" with the words "by the November meeting." Seconded.

Motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

The substitute motion, as amended, passed on a voice vote. The motion reads:

Resolved, That the complaints concerning General Education discussed at the last session of the Senate be referred to the General Education Subcommittee for consideration and that the Subcommittee report to the Senate through the Educational Policy Committee regarding this subject by the November meeting of the Senate;

Be it further resolved, that the Educational Policy Committee take on the task of reviewing the rationale and motivations for having General Education in the first place.

S. Hollander yielded the chair back to M. Downs.

The Presiding Officer asked for a motion to continue the meeting on Monday, April 22, if necessary.

S. Hollander moved that the meeting be continued on April 22. Seconded.

Motion to continue passed on a voice vote.

8. Committee reports "for information only"

a. Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee Senate Reference No. 95-26: -P. Ashton

P. Ashton commented on Senate Reference No.95-26 (Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee's Recommendations for 1995-1997 Budgetary Year. Report to the Senate -April 8, 1996).

The meeting recessed at 4:20 p.m.

Session III

(April 22)

Senate Members Present:

S. Argast, F. Borelli, N. Bradley, W. Branson, B. Bulmahn, C. Butler, C. Champion, J. Clausen, D. Cox, V. Craig, L. DeFonso, M. Downs, L. Felber, S. Frey-Ridgway, J. Grant, J. Haw, R. Hess, C. Hill, S. Hollander, R. Jeske, G. Kartsounes, J. Knight, M. Masters, L. Motz, G. Mourad, D. Oberstar, L. Schlager, D. Schmidt, M. Scudder, P. Stubblebine, P. Terry, C. Thompson, M. Wartell, L. Wright-Bower, N. Younis

Senate Members Absent:

R. Berger, C. Chauhan, N. Cothorn, D. Edwards, F. English, O. Freiburger, R. Gillespie, R. Hack, P. Hamburger, J. Hersberger, C. Humphrey, R. Kendall, M. Lane, P. Lane, D. Legg, K. O'Connell, H. Samavati, Z. Shipchandler, M. H. Thuente, K. Trier, W. Utesch

Representative from Medical Education: K. Redman

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Visitors Present: J. Dahl, N. Newell

Acta

M. Downs reconvened the meeting at 3:03 p.m. and asked if there was any additional "new business" or if there were any questions regarding the report from the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee. There was none.

8. Committee reports "for information only"

b. Educational Policy Committee Senate Reference No. 95-20 -S. Hollander:

S. Hollander presented SR No.95-20 (Transmittal of dormitory recommendation) for information only.

c. Curriculum Review Subcommittee Senate Reference No. 95-21 -D. Bialik:

SR No. 95-21 (proposed Minor in Public Relations) was presented for information only.

d. Students Affairs Committee (Senate Reference No. 95-22) -C. Thompson:

C. Thompson presented SR No. 95-22 (Academic standards for financial aid students) for information only.

e. Agenda Committee Senate Reference No. 95-23 -N. Younis:

N. Younis presented SR No. 95-23 (End-of-the- Year Reports of Senate Committees and Subcommittees) for information only.

f. Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs -J. Hersberger:

J. Hersberger made his report under item 4.a. above.

g. Agenda Committee Senate Reference No. 95-24 -N. Younis:

N. Younis presented SR No. 95-24 (Senators for 1996-1997) for information only.

h. University Resources Policy Committee Senate Reference No.95-25 -P. Davich:

SR No.95-25 (proposal for establishment of an IPFW information center) was presented for information only. S. Argast commented that the document has been submitted to the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee for consideration next year.

9. The general good and welfare of the University:

B. Bulmahn: Last year the Senate passed SD 94-20 relating to IVTC transfer credits. The document says, "Be it resolved, that IPFW accept any IVTC credits accepted by any one of the campuses of Indiana University or Purdue University. " Since that time a task force on IPFW-IVTC cooperation was appointed. I was appointed from Educational Policy Committee. Mike Lane and Karl Zimmerman are also members. The three of us represent this side of the highway, and there are also three very capable people from the other side of the highway and the first thing we attacked was executing that document. As it turns out there was quite a massive list of courses that had been approved by one or another campus of IU or Purdue with one or another campus of IVTC. We have come up with a master list of those courses that we offer and that they offer on the south side of the highway. If anyone would be interested in seeing how far that has come, I have a copy. This is not a Senate committee so we have not reported to any formal channels here. I take this opportunity to let you know what we are doing. The charge is several fold. In addition to executing this thing that the Senate voted on a year ago, we also will be discussing some transfers of full programs or, more particularly, the coordination and articulation of those programs. I am quite optimistic about the things we have been able to accomplish. I feel very good about the people with whom we are working over there and the possibilities for cooperation.

S. Hollander: Since I do not wish to drag out this endless meeting unnecessarily, I have only six items under "general good and welfare."

1. I have a late-breaking committee report for information only from the Educational Policy Committee. We were asked very recently to give our views about a recommendation that the Department of Electrical Engineering Technology change its name to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology. That change has been approved by the faculty of the EET Department, by the Computer Science Department and, apparently, by the School. We saw no reason to interfere in that decision.
2. This is my last meeting as Speaker of the Indiana University Faculty, my second consecutive two-year term now expiring. I can't say it's been fun, but it has been interesting, and I'd like to wish my successor well. Mike Downs has done the job before and Jim Hersberger will no doubt mentor him toward future successes.
3. Almost a year has passed since the Classroom-Medical Building (CM) was torn apart in search of acceptable air quality. The work was, I am told, finally completed this month. People sensitive to the building tell me that improvement has been minimal. I've been asking that air-quality testing take place to determine whether the promised improvements have been effected, but as of this morning the promised data were unavailable because the tests have not been conducted. I hope that this testing will take place very soon, while the building enjoys--if that is the word--its normal occupancy rates. Occupants of CM will perhaps feel better if they learn that the building has been given a clean bill of health.

4. I continue to be concerned about the functioning of some Senate committees and subcommittees that, when they carry out their charge at all, tend to operate in isolation from the Senate. I cite as an example the annual report of the Library Subcommittee, attached to your agenda as Senate Reference No. 95-23(Q)--not because that committee has functioned less well than other bodies, but because in certain unfortunate ways it is typical. The Library Subcommittee's annual report says that the group "adopted a revised Mission statement to clarify the place of the library within the University and to identify the priorities of the Library"--but nowhere does it tell Senators or the Faculty at large what that mission statement is or what the newly identified priorities are. The report says further that the subcommittee "adopted a revised Collection Development Policy"--but that policy has never been distributed to the Senate or to the Faculty. I'd like to remind those of you who will serve next year on the Senate bodies that do most of the governance work of the Faculty that, with a few rare exceptions, committees and subcommittees do not speak for the Faculty. Committees and subcommittees should be bringing their recommendations to the Senate, either for approval or for information only.
5. Speaking of the library: I'm told by my students and by campus librarians that there are serious and continuing problems with the links between the library's computers and the external systems that contain databases such as IUCAT. For months response times have been substantially degraded. Since late last week, there have been recurrent intermittent problems that made critical systems including IUCAT totally inaccessible. My students, who of course should have completed their research weeks ago, have been unable to do their course work, apparently because of long-standing problems with old and deteriorated campus underground cables known to be especially dysfunctional during the rainy season. It seems to me that our focus on retention and student-centeredness requires that more attention be given to these ongoing problems. The technical problems we have had for months with computer networking to the library seem increasingly to pose a serious threat to the academic mission of the campus.
6. You have all received a new Purdue email policy. It came with a cover memo saying that the principles and procedures in it are consistent with existing statements applied to many other forms of communication at IPFW. I am glad that some of those provisions are not consistent with policies that apply to other forms of communication because, if they were, I wouldn't be able to stand here and criticize the policy. The new policy says things like email has to respect the image and reputation of Purdue University. It forbids email that degrades or demeans other individuals; apparently you can degrade or demean yourself. People on this campus did not have a reasonable opportunity to have input into the formulation of the policy. I understand that. I would hope that we can receive assurances that the least acceptable provisions of this policy, at least, will not be enforced on this campus.

R. Hess: Unlike Steve I have only three items and I will be very brief.

1. The Omnibus Lectures Series will host tonight " An Evening with Dick Gregory" in the Walb Memorial Union at 7:30 p.m. He is a substitute speaker for Michael Dyson, who has medical problems. Mike Dyson teaches at the University of North Carolina and is a social critic. Dick Gregory is a social critic as well.
2. Last Friday afternoon some of us in Arts and Sciences met with some members of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Affairs Committee to discuss promotion and tenure procedures and cases and so forth in an informal way. One of the things that emerged from that was that promotion and tenure cases, especially the evidential base for such cases, have gotten totally out of hand and is ridiculous. One grey beard amongst us said that he remembered a point in time when a promotion case was only twelve pages long, including evidence of support. He allowed that maybe we could have a twenty-page case, but his comment in terms of anecdotal information was that he had been checking around at other campuses and found that indeed we appear to be in a distinct minority with boxes and boxes and boxes of evidence to support one's efforts. At that point in time I think the Arts and Sciences Faculty Affairs Committee was given the go ahead to investigate that practice in the fall. In the fall I will come back to the Faculty Affairs Committee of this Senate and ask them likewise to investigate with the idea in mind of trying to get some relief on this promotion and tenure case building of evidential base.
3. I want to extend on behalf of my fellow Senators, I am sure, thanks to Barb for her excellent work as secretary and to Mike for his excellent work in guiding us - through some harried mountain passes. Thank you.

W. Branson: If it is appropriate, I would like to respond to a couple of Senator Hollander's comments and to provide some further information. In regard to the library, we are having problems. It is part of the bigger network problem where we are experiencing some intermittent shutdowns of the network. It started happening late last Friday. We had a cable company in all weekend trying to identify where the source of the problem is. We haven't had any luck yet. We are still looking into that. In terms of long-range, we do have a plan in place and are going to commence upon a project that will put fiber-optic cable around to all of the buildings. To be honest, though, we are not sure that this will solve the problem because we don't know if the problem is in the cabling, or if it is something else. There is a number of theories about what might be going on. I can assure you it is very frustrating, but I am sure it is not half as frustrating for us as it is for the people who are trying to access the library and the card catalog and all of that kind of stuff right now.

Regarding the email policy that was sent out, the cover memo referenced some things that Steve talked about other policies and guidelines. There are university anti-harassment policies and statements in the faculty and staff handbooks about how to treat each other, and that is really the intent of that cover memo. I don't know that we really have the ability to suspend any of the provisions, but I do know that we should have the opportunity for input into the policy in the future. It is my understanding that it is a policy that is fairly new and once it has been implemented for some time, we'll have a chance to

change it. In the meantime, I can assure you that we will do our best to administer it reasonably and really in the context of some of those other policies.

M. Wartell: I did have three comments, but Senator Hess took one of them with respect to the Omnibus Lecture Series. We really feel badly that Dr. Dyson canceled twice; it is an unfortunate circumstance. I think we have a good replacement and this evening should be a very interesting evening if you can find the time to attend.

My second comment has to do with the issue that Presiding Officer Downs brought up with respect to the library. You had mentioned at the previous Senate meeting that I had asked Norm Newell to take a look at comparative library information. We have that data and I have passed it on to the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee for some suggestions, but rest assured that we are going to try to change the position of our library expenditures with respect to everybody else's. I am not sure how we are going to do it right now, but there will be some changes. We're in a position that I simply am not comfortable with and neither is anybody else. I think we can all agree on that.

The third comment I want to make is about General Education. This current change in General Education began, as I remember, when I was Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and it was discussed in the Educational Policy Committee (EPC). EPC came up with the proposal and that was consulted throughout the campus and was voted on and we began this implementation. There were really two reasons to do it: one was to put a common thread through all of our bachelor's degrees, and that is the traditional and historical core of liberal education. The second reason was to remove the punitive aspects of changing majors, and everybody knows our students change majors on a regular basis. Our General Education program that was departmentally or major-based was incredibly punitive. A student would change majors and lose a large number of credits. The proposal that was made attempted to solve some of those problems. By its very nature it wasn't going to be perfect in the beginning. All curriculum is the province of the faculty and you are working hard to fix that. I simply applaud what you did last week and look at it as just a continuing effort to cause us to have the best General - Education program that we can have. A single General Education program is really important to this campus and it is important to our students and it is important to the kind of education that I think that we stand for. So I hope you will continue to try to improve that and I am sure that you will.

M. Downs: Are there other items under general good and welfare? Well then, the last comments will be mine. I have enjoyed being Presiding Officer for two years and appreciate very much your expression of appreciation. I want to say this joint Senate, which is really a Senate now and no longer a joint Senate, has been remarkably successful in representing the faculty and its views regarding governance of this campus. The Senate is now sixteen-years-old and Barb Bulmahn, who chaired the Constitution Committee and moved the document through approval by two Senates, which weren't in the habit of approving anything together at the same time in the same form should be recognized. The Senate has shown--along with some other traits from time to time--courage and fortitude and patience. It is everything that a Senate at a university ought to be, when it is at its best and when it is not at its best.

I did want to point out also that the one permanent, unbending, immutable other element in the Senate since that time is our secretary, Barb Blauvelt, who has probably done more than any member to make this a successful body. She is a reliable source of accurate information for all. So, having added that to the acclamations that have already piled up around her, I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

10. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary of the Faculty