

**Minutes of the  
First Regular Meeting of the Eighteenth Senate  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne  
September 14, 1998  
12:00 P.M., Kettler G46  
Agenda**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of April 13 and 20, 1998**
- 3. Acceptance of the agenda - S. Hollander**
- 4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties**
  - a. Purdue University - J. Wilson**
  - b. Indiana University - M. Downs**
- 5. Report of the Presiding Officer (Senate Reference No. 98-1)**
- 6. Special business of the day**
  - Agenda Committee (Senate Document SD 98-1)**
- 7. Committee reports requiring action**
  - General Education Subcommittee - M. Downs**
- 8. New business**
  - a. Speaker of the Purdue University Faculty (Senate Document SD 98-2) - J. Wilson**
  - b. Agenda Committee (Senate Document SD 98-3) - M. Downs**
  - c. Agenda Committee (Senate Document SD 98-4) - M. Downs**
- 9. Committee reports "for information only"**
  - a. Graduate Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-2) - C. Drummond**
  - b. Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-3) - D. Oberstar**
  - c. Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-4) - D. Oberstar**
  - d. Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-5) - D. Oberstar**
- 10. The general good and welfare of the University**
- 11. Adjournment**

**Acting Presiding Officer: J. Wilson**

**Parliamentarian: J. Clausen**

**Sergeant-at-Arms:**

**Secretary: B. Blauvelt**

**Senate Members Present:**

**R. Barrett, R. Berger, P. Bingi, E. Blakemore, F. Borelli, W. Branson, J. Brennan, C. Champion, N. Cothorn, V. Coufoudakis, V. Craig, M. Downs, C. Drummond, R. Emery, B. Fife, S. Hannah, J. Haw, B. Harwood, L. Hess, S. Hollander, M. Kimble, C. Leiserson, K. McDonald, K. Morrin, J. Nichols, M. Nusbaumer, D. Oberstar, D. Pfeffenberger, A. Pugh, D. Ross, B. Salmon, H. Samavati, J. Silver, J. Tankel, M. H. Thuente, R. Tierney, A. Ushenko, M. Wartell, D. Weakley, J. Wilson, L. Wright-Bower, Y. Zubovic**

**Senate Members Absent:**

V. Badii, L. Fox, B. Kingsbury, R. Manalis, D. Schmidt, Z. Shipchandler, D. Vasquez, J. Vollmer (1 Library and 1 Education vacancy)

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**Attachments:**

**"Election of the Presiding Officer"** (SD 98-1)

**"Implementation of Revised Purdue University Executive Memorandum C-19"** (SD 98-2)

**"VCAA Chair Emolument Plan"** (SD 98-3)

**"BAS 1997-98 End-of-Year Recommendations to Chancellor Wartell"** (SD 98-4)

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**Representative from Medical Education: R. Sweazey**

**Representative from IPSGA: Chuck Newman**

**Faculty Members Present:**

L. Balthaser, B. Christy, G. Bullion, J. DiIorio, R. Hess, G. Hickey, D. Legg, W. Ludwin, L. Motz, S. Sarratore,

**Visitors Present:**

A. Alesia, J. Brunts, J. Dahl

**Acta**

1. **Call to order:** J. Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. **Approval of the minutes of April 13, and 20, 1998:** The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. **Acceptance of the agenda:**
  - S. Hollander moved to approve** the agenda as distributed.
  - The agenda was approved.**
4. **Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:**
  - J. Wilson left the chair to make his report.
  - a. **Purdue University:**
    - J. Wilson: I have three major items to bring to your attention:
      - 1) Following discussions involving the Chancellor, Carolyn Jones, who is the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at West Lafayette, and several

concerned IPFW faculty over the course of the summer, it is becoming clear--to me anyway--that West Lafayette administration will consider no changes to Executive Memorandum C-19. If we are going to have a grievance policy, it is going to have to work within C-19 or our aggrieved faculty will have no recourse recognized by the administration. On today's agenda is a resolution addressing this matter.

2) The Intercampus Faculty Council met to discuss two changes that have been approved by the University Senate at West Lafayette. That body has approved a plus/minus grading system for implementation in the fall of the year 2000. They have also approved a change to the incomplete grade. The most important ramification of that change is that following a period of three years of nonenrollment, an "I" becomes permanent. I believe these are good changes and have requested the Educational Policy Committee to take action to adopt these changes for this campus.

3) With regard to Purdue medical insurance, at a Purdue University Board of Trustees meeting this month the insurance package for the 1999-2000 year was approved. Premiums for the Purdue Health Plan will not change, but the contribution by Purdue to the Flexible Spending Accounts will be reduced to \$100.00. Participants opting for the Physicians Health Plan will see an 11% increase in their premiums, a 20% co-payment for out-patient services and a 20% co-payment for in-patient services. Out-of-pocket maximums will be capped at \$1000.00 per individual and \$2000.00 per family.

4) Finally, I was allowed three minutes to provide a report to the Board about IPFW. That [report](#) is available on my speaker's web page for those who might be interested in what I had to say.

b. Indiana University: M. Downs had no report.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer (SR No. 98-1) - J. Wilson:

First I want to make sure everyone is aware of our seating arrangement. Voting Senators should be in

these two sections and guests and observers should be in that section. It is traditional for Senators and

guests from IPSGA and Medical Education to introduce themselves. (Introductions were made.)

Second, I would like to thank Bill Frederick for his long and dedicated service to this body. I appreciate everything he has done for us.

Third, the Science Building dedication is tomorrow from noon until 2:00. Please attend. That is a fabulous building. I hope the ceremony is worthy of the building that it's opening.

Fourth, if you have been asked to convene the first meeting of a Senate committee or subcommittee,  
please do so. Please elect a chair and inform the secretary, Barb Blauvelt.

6. Special business of the day - Agenda Committee (SD 98-1):

S. Hollander moved to approve SD 98-1 (Election of the Presiding Officer). Second.

J. Tankel moved to postpone the election until the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting. Second.

Motion to postpone failed on a voice vote.

Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote.

D. Weakley and Y. Zubovic, members of the Nominations and Elections Committee, conducted the election for Presiding Officer of the Faculty. (R. Hess was elected.)

7. Committee reports requiring action: General Education Subcommittee - M. Downs:

M. Downs move to approve the appointment of Wayne Unsell to fill a vacancy on the General Education Subcommittee. Second.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. New business:

J. Wilson yielded the chair to M. Downs.

a. Speaker of the Purdue University Faculty (SD 98-2) - J. Wilson:

J. Wilson moved to approve SD 98-2 (Implementation of Revised Purdue University Executive Memorandum C-19). Second.

A. Ushenko moved to postpone consideration until certain information is received. Second.

Motion to postpone failed on a voice vote.

L. Hess moved to amend by replacing in 4.b. the words "Hearing Committee" with "Affirmative Action Officer."

Motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

**J. Wilson moved to amend the just approved amendment to read "that the Affirmative Action Officer or other designee of the VCAA as specified in item 3 above" shall routinely solicit. . . . Second.**

**S. Hollander moved to amend the amendment to read "that the person designated by the VCAA in item 3 above" shall routinely solicit. . . .**

**Motion to amend the amendment passed on a voice vote.**

**Motion to amend passed on a voice vote.**

**The Presiding Officer conducted a straw vote of the Purdue University faculty.**

**Motion to approve SD 98-2, as amended, passed on a voice vote.**

**M. Downs yielded the chair back to J. Wilson.**

**b. Agenda Committee (SD 98-3) - M. Downs:**

**M. Downs moved to approve SD 98-3 (VCAA Chair Emolument Plan). Second.**

**Motion passed on a voice vote.**

**c. Agenda Committee (SD 98-4) - M. Downs:**

**M. Downs moved to approve SD 98-4 (BAS 1997-98 End-of-Year Recommendations to Chancellor Wartell). Second.**

**Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**9. Committee reports "for information only":**

**a. Graduate Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-2) - C. Drummond:**

**C. Drummond presented SR No. 98-2 (Proposal for a Criminal Justice Concentration in the Masters of Public Affairs Program) for information only.**

**b. Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-3): - D. Oberstar:**

**D. Oberstar presented SR No. 98-3 (Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management) for information only.**

c. Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-4) - D. Oberstar:

D. Oberstar presented SR No. 98-4 (Proposal to change the title of the *Certificate in Quality Control to Certificate in Quality*) for information only.

d. Curriculum Review Subcommittee (Senate Reference No. 98-5) - D. Oberstar:

D. Oberstar presented SR No. 98-5 (Proposal for a minor in Labor Studies) for information only.

10. The general good and welfare of the University:

M. Downs: First of all I would like to congratulate the administration on the completion and opening of the new parking facility on campus. Having done so, I would like to call their attention to the continued existence of the "temporary" eyesore between the campus and river, the temporary parking lot for more years than many of us temporary human beings have been here. I think the time has come for that parking lot to be restored to its original purpose, which is aesthetic. I have heard from administrators that people are reluctant to park in the new parking garage. Taking the temporary parking lot out of production will create additional incentives for people to use the parking garage. The administration and the faculty have agreed that that parking lot was temporary and it is time to make that true.

I also request that the Presiding Officer, whomever that may be, ask Jack Dahl for an update on the motion which was passed by this body two years ago which expressed the sense that it would be a good idea if high-level administrators from time to time would go back to the classroom and teach a course. Has the amount of teaching done by higher administrators increased during this period? Once we have the answer in hand we may wish to go back to rescind or reassert the sense of the Senate in regard to this matter.

J. Wilson: I'll see that the Presiding Officer takes that action.

D. Weakley: This is a plea for volunteers to serve on the Senate Nominations and Elections Committee. Due to a resignation and a full-year sabbatical, the committee is now down to two: myself and Yvonne Zubovic, both from mathematical sciences. That's not exactly balanced and it is not very large. It is my understanding that the rules require that no more than two people from Arts and Sciences can serve. So if you are not from Arts and Sciences and you are a Senator and you would like to do this, please email or notify Barb Blauvelt by 5:00 tomorrow.

M. Nusbaumer: I would like to express my concern about what I would now define as the infamous Fenwick English exit letter that was made available to the public press this summer. Two things trouble me: that apparently President Beering released such a letter widely to the public and the way this has been handled without

any effort to investigate the accuracy of the allegations. According to a recent *Journal-Gazette* article citing Chancellor Wartell, it was defined as an exit letter and it is not the position of the University. It is my understanding that this University has been conducting exit interviews with a variety of people leaving this campus for a rather long period and none of those was released or made public. It seriously draws into question the good faith relationship between Purdue administration and this faculty.

**S. Hollander:** The Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee has been among the busiest, most active, and, I think, most productive bodies of the Senate. During the summer they held a news conference for reasons which they believe to be fully adequate, including some time pressure to urge the state legislature and the Commission for Higher Education to take certain actions toward adequate funding for this campus. I would hope that in the future we would be very careful in scheduling news conferences by Senate committees and subcommittees rather than by bodies commissioned to do so by the Senate. It is very difficult for the public to be aware of who is speaking for "the faculty" and who is speaking for a smaller representative group of faculty.

**M. Wartell:** If I may I would like to hand out the newest version of *U.S. News and World Report: Best Colleges for 1999*. Jack Dahl has a copy of it. Of course, if anyone wants to, you can buy your own. What I have taken the liberty of doing is listing all of the colleges from Indiana that are listed there and all of the information about them; we have good reason to take pride in a certain number of the indicators there. First, our academic reputation, while it is sometimes a little bit like comparing apples and oranges, is third best to Bloomington, West Lafayette, and IUPUI. We are far ahead of Indiana State and Ball State. They are in different categories, but still it is some measure of reputation. The second area I think we have a good deal to be proud of is our SAT. The third area is the percent of full-time faculty. The fourth area, which we have no right to be proud of but does have an explanation, is our 42% freshman retention rate as compared to retention rates in the 60s for most of our colleagues. That is because we are forced to play by different rules. We are NCAA Division II so that when we look at retention rates we are forced to say full-time students fall to full-time students the next fall. The other institutions mix full-time and part-time. So, for example, a student starts at IPFW full-time one fall and becomes part-time the following fall, that student is not counted as a continuing student in our institution; it is in the other regional institutions in the state. There is a great deal of interesting data here. Most of it presents IPFW in a very favorable light and the faculty deserves a great deal of credit for the academic reputation of the institution.

Also, let me echo the chair's point about the opening of the Science Building tomorrow. I hope you will all be able to come out.

**11. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Barbara L. Blauvelt  
Secretary of the Faculty**