

**Minutes of the
First Regular Meeting of the Sixteenth
Senate**

**Indiana University-Purdue University Fort
Wayne**

September 9, 1996

3:00 P.M., Kettler G46

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of April 8, 15, and 22, 1996
3. Acceptance of the agenda - S. Hollander
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
 - a. Purdue University - J. Hersberger
 - b. Indiana University - M. Downs
5. Report of the Presiding Officer - W. Frederick
6. Committee reports requiring action
7. New business
8. Committee reports "for information only"
9. The general good and welfare of the University
10. Adjournment

Attachments:

["Ad Hoc Management Agreement Committee"](#) (SR No. 96-1)

["Management Agreement"](#) (SR No. 96-2)

Presiding Officer: W. Frederick
Parliamentarian: M. Sherr
Sergeant-at-Arms: N. Younis
Secretary: B. Blauvelt

Senate Members Present:

C. Aikman, S. Argast, R. Barrett, R. Berger, F. Borelli, W. Branson,
B. Bulmahn, C. Champion, C. Chauhan, J. Clausen, N. Cothorn, V.
Coufoudakis, L. DeFonso, M. Downs, D. Edwards, R. Emery, F. English,

O. Freiburger, S. Frey-Ridgway, J. Grant, T. Hamilton, J. Haw, J. Hersberger, L. Hess, R. Hess, S. Hollander, C. Humphrey, P. Iadicola, R. Jeske, B. Kingsbury, J. Knight, M. Lane, T. Laverghetta, D. Legg, M. Masters, L. Motz, G. Mourad, D. Oberstar, K. O'Connell, H. Oloomi, D. Ross, H. Samavati, M. Scudder, J. Silver, P. Stubblebine, P. Terry, C. Thompson, J. Wilson, L. Wright-Bower

Senate Members Absent:

P. Hamburger, D. Schmidt, M. H. Thuente, M. Wartell

Representative from Medical Education: K. Redman

Representative from IPSGA: G. Gounaris

Faculty Members Present:

L. Balthaser, C. Butler, B. Christy, J. DiIorio, J. Jones, R. Kendall, W. Ludwin, D. McCants, D. Pfeffenberger, B. Steffy

Visitors Present:

J. Dahl, C. Douse, N. Newell, J. Parrent, J. Roehling, G. Smith, P. Tupper

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1. Call to order: W. Frederick called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of April 8, 15, and 22, 1996: The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Acceptance of the agenda:

S. Hollander moved to approve the agenda. Seconded.

The agenda was accepted as distributed.
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:
 - a. Purdue University:

J. Hersberger: I want to remind everybody that the management agreement with Purdue University expires in July of 1998. I think it would be appropriate if all constituencies--students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, etc--engage in long, healthy, robust debate about this management agreement and what it should be like in the coming year.

It is well into September; I have not been paid. So it is clear that one of the things I wanted to do in the long-term is not yet done.
 - b. Indiana University:

M. Downs: I appreciate the reminder about the management agreement. I'll add two additional reminders to that: one is that this body is on record as favoring, through time, greater autonomy and independence for this institution in relation to both Indiana and Purdue Universities and, second, in the last management agreement there was a commitment on the part of both universities to allow this campus to develop unique approaches and policies to the problems and matters that it considers. That is one of the things that we ought to look at carefully as we move into the negotiations regarding the next management agreement.

R. Hess: Two questions: Is the old agreement somewhere where we can read it? and What will be the procedure for this robust debate and input into the process?

W. Frederick: Would anyone care to address where copies of the management agreement reside currently?

M. Downs: We could ask the secretary to distribute copies of it. We have copies in our office. As far as the preparation for the debate is concerned: after the last time, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Management Agreement, which was established by this body, turned into a permanent committee; therefore, it will take up the matter of the management agreement as the situation ripens.

W. Frederick: I think it would also be fruitful if we could have a copy of the membership. The secretary will distribute that with the minutes of this meeting.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer - W. Frederick:

W. Frederick: The resolution regarding General Education which was passed at the last Senate meeting has been sent to the Educational Policy Committee and the General Education Subcommittee, as the resolution so directed.

I also remind you that we have a web page for the Senate. You can find it off the IPFW homepage, along with the Constitution of the Faculty, the Bylaws of the Senate, committee membership, committee minutes, etc. I urge those of you who have been designated to call the committee meetings to do so forthwith, to elect chairs and to notify the secretary of the faculty.

I would also point out that we have a representative here from IPSGA, George Gounaris, and from Medical Education, Kent Redman, who have speaking, non-voting privileges.

Visitors are welcome. Speaking privileges are accorded only to Senators and the two representatives I just mentioned.

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

7. New Business:

- a. P. Iadicola moved to approve the following resolution: That it be the policy of Indiana University-Purdue University that all administrative personnel who hold academic rank be expected, as a condition of their appointment, to be responsible for the teaching of one class per year in the department in which they have academic affiliation. Seconded.

S. Hollander moved that the resolution be sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Seconded.

M. Downs moved that the motion to commit be amended so as to require the Faculty Affairs Committee to bring to the Senate a report in regard to this subject at the November meeting. Seconded.

Motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

Motion to commit, as amended, passed on a voice vote.

- b. P. Iadicola moved to approve the following resolution: That all members of the faculty have access to "all pc users" or equivalent on the university electronic mail system to allow them to communicate with all other faculty on issues related to faculty governance. Seconded.

R. Barrett moved a substitute motion to establish a faculty-governance bulletin board. Seconded.

S. Argast moved to amend the substitute motion by deleting the words "bulletin board" and by replacing them with "targeted email lists, such as faculty and others as might be appropriate." Seconded.

Motion to amend the substitute motion failed on a show of hands.

The substitute motion failed on a show of hands.

Motion failed on a tie vote.

8. Committee reports "for information only": There were no committee reports.

9. The general good and welfare of the University:

G. Gounaris: . . . There are a lot of issues from the student standpoint, such as the cc:mail/all pc users issue, that are

not real important to the student population. . . . The same seems to apply to issues that are important to the students. They are not always important to the administration. Most students wouldn't really care about the "all pc users" issue. They don't know what it is; they don't use it. For issues that we have, the reverse can apply.

Please correct me if I am wrong about this. I was told that the [faculty] Senate does not need to approve policies that are made by the University Resources Policy Committee (URPC). Since the URPC is a committee within the [faculty] Senate . . . we would like to request that the [faculty] Senate ask the URPC to temporarily hold off its implementation of the new policy on rollerblading that was passed recently and to reconvene as soon as possible to reconsider and pursue a more equitable and sympathetic solution for the student body of this campus.

W. Frederick: We will forward your remarks to URPC and ask that they be considered.

S. Hollander: At the last meeting of this body in April, I commented on the need for committees of the Senate to report to the Senate rather than directly to administrators. There are some exceptions incorporated in the Bylaws, but they are few in number and URPC, if it intends to make any recommendation about rollerblading, ought to bring that recommendation to the Senate.

J. Grant: I would like to add that there are some faculty who have the same concern as students. As a rollerblader, I have found it to be an extremely interesting experience to be on campus and have this feel like a real campus--to have students playing volleyball, to have people jogging, and to have people rollerblading. Talk about needing to have some sense of community and some reason that students actually want to stay here and not just attend classes. I, too, not only want the committee to reconsider, but I want the Senate as a whole to consider this as not just a student issue.

W. Frederick: Are members of that committee present? Would one of you care to provide some feedback to the Senate?

S. Argast: I think some comments need to be made on this. I have been a member of URPC for three years and am continuing this year. I was chair of the committee two of the last three years, although not the last year. The first meeting of URPC will be held next Monday during this time slot to pick a chair. I will say that if I am chair, certainly, or as a member, I will bring this issue back to URPC. However, the record as publicized in various media outlets by various people is very wrong. URPC met on this issue first in the fall of last year when it was approached by the administration to make a recommendation. Rollerblading policy is not a faculty prerogative. It is an administrative prerogative. The administration asked for input. It does not need to come back to the Senate. The last URPC did what

it was asked to do and made a recommendation. We said we would review it in the spring. We made a review in the spring.

There are two student seats on this committee and over the past three years the number of times that a student representative has attended a meeting of this committee can be counted on the fingers of one hand. If students don't send members to committees, they should not be surprised if decisions don't reflect their wants, needs and desires. On the other hand, in this particular matter, [I'll tell you] what makes me anxious to bring it back. There was a meeting in the summer that has been much reported. That meeting was done as a privilege to the students--as a favor in a way. In fact, I didn't attend that meeting. There was no need to. It had been well-reviewed. It was done as a favor. It was not the time that the primary decision making occurred. It occurred both in the fall and the spring.

On the other hand, the faculty on the committee and the administration dealt poorly with this issue as well because, in the fall, URPC had requested the administration to implement the policy during the winter months when the winter conditions would probably preclude much active rollerblading; we would review it in the spring and get additional feedback. But it didn't get implemented on time. If the administration asks for input from faculty committees and they get it and then don't implement the recommendations, they, too, are going to get the wrath of people because things went wrong.

The faculty are culpable in this particular issue. I went back to the record on Friday to look through minutes and I was a bit put off by what I found. I figured I was going to get stuff to support the first two comments, but nothing that would put a rap on the faculty. But, in fact, in looking at the recommendations they become progressively more restrictive in the fall, in the spring, and in the summer. The fall recommendation basically said don't do it in highly traveled areas and so on. The spring one restricted it to certain areas and, by the time we got to summer, it restricted it entirely. So if you are on a faculty committee and you're a faculty member or staff member making decisions, it helps to be consistent. So, I will say that it is my pledge as a member of URPC that I will see to it that this comes back up to the committee and maybe we can all around do a better job. Students have got to send their representatives to committees. Don't complain if you don't.

J. Hersberger: I would just like to add one comment to that. I would be glad to be corrected if I am wrong. I did not go to the fall meeting because I had another commitment. I did go to the spring meeting. I understand how difficult it is to get to meetings a lot. My recollection is that the meeting in the fall and the meeting in the spring were single issue meetings--called only to discuss the rollerblading issue. Every member of URPC knew what was to be discussed and, if there were student members or anyone else who thought

that was an important issue, those were not the meetings to skip.

K. O'Connell: I would like to add, too, that this is not just an issue of the right to have rollerblading on campus, it is also a safety issue and I don't think that is well understood.

R. Barrett: Can you or can you not rollerblade on this campus today?

M. Downs: Could the chair ask a representative of the administration if there is anybody here who knows what the policy is today on this campus?

W. Branson: The current policy that is in place right now was passed in 1994. We haven't implemented the new policy that was passed late this summer because we want to have an effective communication plan in place and get the appropriate signage in place before we implement the policy. It is a little too difficult to implement without the right signage and the right communication.

W. Frederick: Can I ask for clarification on what the 1994 policy is?

W. Branson: I can't quote it verbatim. It basically allows rollerblading unless you're in a real high traffic or high frequency pedestrian areas.

S. Argast: If you want I have it in front of me. I'll read it.

1. No skateboarding will be allowed in IPFW buildings or on IPFW grounds at any time.
2. Rollerblading/rollerskating is prohibited in all areas of the IPFW campus between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.
3. No rollerblading/rollerskating will be allowed in any IPFW building, including the parking garage.
4. Rollerblading/rollerskating in heavily traveled pedestrian and vehicular areas will be restricted to transportation purposes only.
5. The University Police will have the authority to suspend any rollerblading/rollerskating activities occurring on campus at their discretion, if there appears to be a chance for personal injury or property damage.

R. Jeske: What is the new policy going to be?

K. O'Connell: I am on that committee and I had to call and ask security because I saw people rollerblading all over the place a few weeks ago. They were in danger of hurting themselves. They said the new policy would only allow

rollerblading on weekends. It was very confusing this summer about this meeting because we were asked to come to a meeting, then we were told we wouldn't be having a meeting, and then we were told we would have a meeting. I imagine there were several of us who were not at that meeting.

R. Barrett: I guess the reason I ask is because maybe the administration can do something about it. A number of us were standing out in the faculty/staff/student smoking lounge and a student came blasting down the main hallway in Kettler Hall and boom-boom right out the two doors and right on down the walk; he had to be going 20 miles an hour. Do we have a policy? Do we not? Can something be put up to tell students what they can and cannot do?

W. Frederick: I think they're working on the signage now.

S. Argast: Let me say what I said before. These things are best discussed in committee. To stop this conversation, perhaps, if anybody on campus sends me an email (Argast), I will take their comments to the committee for reconsideration.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Blauvelt
Secretary of the Faculty