

Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne
College of Arts and Sciences Convocation
 September 24, 2007
 Noon SB 168
Minutes

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Introduction of New Faculty (see attached list)
4. Committee Reports Requiring Action (none at this time)
5. Committee Reports for Information Only (available on-line at <http://www.ipfw.edu/as/councildocs.htm>)
 - Curriculum Committee
 - 5.1.1. Minutes March 22, 2007 (A&SCD 06-18)
 - 5.1.2. Minutes April 26, 2007 (A&SCD 06-19)
 - 5.1.3. Minutes May 3, 2007 (A&SCD 06-20)
 - 5.1.4. Minutes September 7, 2007 (A&SCD 07-02)
 - Executive Committee
 - 5.2.1. Minutes August 29, 2007 (A&SCD 07-01)
 - 5.2.2. Minutes September 12, 2007 (A&SCD 07-03)
 - Ombudscommittee
 - 5.3.1. Exit Interview Report 2006-07 (A&SCD 07-04, attached)
6. Reports from Standing Committees- Executive Committee: C. Erickson; Curriculum Committee: A. Argast; Nominations and Elections: P. Dragnev; Faculty Affairs: TBA; Ombudscommittee: R. Gillespie; Assessment Committee: S. Amidon; Student Affairs Committee: M. Drouin.
7. Presentations
 - 7.1. Pippert Research Award: Frank Paladino (BIOL)
 - 7.2. Enhancement of Learning Award: Michael Columbia (CHM)
 - 7.3. Multidisciplinary Faculty Scholars:
 Bernd Buldt (PHIL), Winfried Peters (BIOL), Suin Roberts (ILCS)
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Presiding Officer's Remarks
11. Dean's Remarks
12. Question Time (see reverse)
13. General Good and Welfare
14. Adjournment

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1. **Call to Order:** Deputy Presiding Officer C. Erickson called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda:** E. Blakemore moved to accept the agenda. Voting faculty unanimously approved the agenda as distributed.
3. **Introduction of New Faculty:** New faculty were introduced by department chairs.
4. **Committee Reports Requiring Action:** No reports required action.
5. **Committee Reports for Information Only:** Available on-line at <http://www.ipfw.edu/as/councildocs.htm>.
6. **Reports from Standing Committees:** *Executive Committee* – C. Erickson: The committee met to organize the convocation and plan for the academic year. Other information will be covered in the Deputy Presiding Officer's remarks. *Curriculum Committee* – A. Argast: Departments are encouraged to have a representative attend meetings when they have a document before the committee. The curriculum committee will be examining A&S requirements and ensuring their alignment with the pedagogical framework for an IPFW baccalaureate degree. *Ombudscommittee* – R. Gillespie: Besides

normal duties, the committee will compose a handbook for new committee members and review and possibly revise the interview process for faculty who leave IPFW. *Assessment Committee* – S. Amidon: Assessment reports for 2006-2007 and plans for assessment are due to the committee (via email) by Nov. 9. *Nominations and Elections Committee* – P. Dragnev: The committee recently conducted an election for members of the COAS Promotion and Tenure committee, electing S.Blythe, J. Hersberger, and G. Ulmschneider. *Student Affairs Committee* – M. Drouin. There are no pending agenda items at this time.

7. **Presentations**

7.1 M. Lipman announced that Frank Paladino (BIOL) received the Pippert Research Award.

7.2 M. Lipman presented the Enhancement of Learning Award to Michael Columbia (CHM).

7.3 M. Lipman presented the Multidisciplinary Faculty Scholars awards to Bernd Buldt (PHIL), Winfried Peters (BIOL), Suin Roberts (ILCS)

8. **Old Business:** none

9. **New Business:** none

10. **Presiding Officer's Remarks:** C. Erickson

Thanks to Jonathan Tankel for agreeing to serve as Parliamentarian and to Elaine Blakemore as Sargeant-at-Arms. Thanks also to the Executive Committee for their assistance in guiding her in the role of Deputy Presiding Officer.

Faculty are encouraged to attend the upcoming COAS Distinguished Lecturer event featuring Daniel Rockmore of Dartmouth College. He will speak on his work with the Riemann Hypotheses, usually considered the most important unsolved problem in mathematics, on Monday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. in CM 159.

The Executive Committee will be soliciting faculty willing to serve on the dean's review committee. Eight names will be forwarded to the VCAA who will choose four to serve. If over eight names are received a vote will be taken by the faculty.

11. **Dean's Remarks (see attached)**

12. **Question Time:**

1. Why does Purdue University appear to have so little regard for convenience of employees, as recently evidenced by the change in pay schedule and adoption of the sometimes uninformative OnePurdue that requires new passwords every 30 days? (W. Cooper)

Response: OnePurdue will take awhile to get improved. Frustration is no greater felt than by those implementing the new system.

2. We returned to the fall semester to learn that the Department of Sociology has an interim chair. The story is that the chair resigned to return to the classroom; that the Department faculty voted unanimously to recommend a member of the Department be the

new chair; that at the first Departmental meeting, the Dean introduced a person, not in the Department of Sociology, as interim chair; and that none of the principals in the Department, nor was the faculty, consulted prior to the announcement. Is the above account accurate?

- A. If so, what criteria were used to appoint the interim chair?
- B. Why were not the outgoing Chair, the individual recommended by the Sociology faculty, or the faculty of Sociology consulted in the final determination?
- C. What is the view of the administration of the College and of IPFW of the role of departmental faculty in selecting their chair? (R. Hess)

Response to "Is the above account accurate?" : No.

Response to A, B, and C: S. Hannah (VCAA) reported the selection of the chair correctly followed the process as outlined in OAA Memorandum OAA02-2 *Guidelines for the selection, appointment, and review of department chairs*. July 18, 2002.

S. Hannah also addressed the dean's review process, which is outlined in OAA Memorandum 04-1 *Guidelines for Periodic Review of Deans and Directors*. (Revised August 2005). It is a formative, VCAA process. B. Buldt will chair the committee and represent the department chairs of A&S. G.Voland will represent the outside deans. Four A&S faculty and one A&S staff member will serve on the committee. Results of the process will be forwarded to J. Dahl for compilation.

13. **General Good and Welfare:**

A variety of methods were discussed to express the faculty's consensus of dissatisfaction with OnePurdue as evidenced by their oral support of the following paragraph suggested by the Executive Committee:

The Arts and Sciences faculty would like to express extreme dissatisfaction with implementation of the new OnePurdue system.

Our major concerns include lack of consultation during the development and implementation periods, instances of faculty and staff not receiving timely paychecks, the inherent security problems in an online system, and serious difficulties in access to information experienced by chairs and others responsible for budgets.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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