Minutes of the
Third Regular Meeting of the Sixth Senate
Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne
November 10, 1986
Kettler G46

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of October 20 and 27, 1986
3. Acceptance of the agenda
4. Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties
   a. Purdue University - D. McCants
   b. Indiana University - S. Hollander
5. Report of the Presiding Officer
6. New business
7. Committee reports for information only
   a. Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Structure - W. Frederick
   b. Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No. 86-3) - M. Downs
8. The general good and welfare of the University
9. Adjournment

Senate Members Present:

Senate Members Absent:

Parliamentarian: M. Mansfield

Representative from Medical Education: B. Johns

Faculty Members Present: L. Balthaser, G. Parsons, R. Svoboda

Visitors Present: J. Clinton, J. Dahl, M. Hile, A. Montgomery, R. Steiner

Attachment:
"Election of replacement member of the Professional Development Subcommittee" (SD 86-5)

Acta
1. **Call to order:** E. Nicholson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of the minutes of October 20 and 27, 1986:** The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. **Acceptance of the agenda:**

   J. Owen moved acceptance of the agenda. Seconded.

   The agenda was accepted as distributed.

4. **Reports of the Speakers of the Faculties:**

   a. **D. McCants:**

   (1) The dependent life insurance option is the second benefit available to faculty as part of the BeneFlex Plan. Faculty should watch for enrollment cards which must be completed by December 19. You may want to alert your colleagues to this opportunity, since it is another one of the benefits that can be paid for with pre-tax dollars.

   (2) On September 12, 1986, the Purdue University Board of Trustees changed the following Fort Wayne Campus baccalaureate (BS) program names: Electrical Technology was changed to Electrical Engineering Technology and Mechanical Technology was changed to Mechanical Engineering Technology.

   Also at the September 12, 1986, meeting of the Board of Trustees, President Beering summarized the University's budget request. The following is an extract from the minutes:

   "President Beering summarized for Trustees' information the University's budget request seeking state funding increases totaling $24.5 million system-wide the first year of the biennium and $22.3 million the second year. He said the request asks for support in areas which will allow the University to bolster state economic-development efforts. He cited several proposals as examples of initiatives with economic benefits for the state. They included: A plan to improve the state's Pacific Rim competitiveness--a special team at the University would focus on teaching the languages, cultures and business orientation of Japan, China, Korea, and other Asian nations; a partnership with elementary and secondary public schools which would improve mathematics and science education in the state; emphasis on preparing students for positions in the service sector of the economy; and expanding agricultural research, with particular emphasis on agriculture-related
business and value-added initiatives. President Beering stated Purdue's request also focuses on improving the quality of learning opportunities offered to students by replacing part-time instructors and graduate teaching assistants with full-time faculty, upgrading instructional equipment, and expanding offerings at regional campuses and in the Statewide Technology Program.

A more detailed report of President Beering's observations on the biennial budget request are in the University Senate minutes of last month.

(3) In October, the Fort Wayne Senate approved SD 86-3 (Responsibilities Related to Reorganization and Program Reduction). A similar document is being considered by the West Lafayette Senate.

University Senate Document 85-11 (Revised) is based upon principles similar to our 86-3, notably "the participation of faculty at all stages of the consideration and planning process." The University Senate document specifies procedures for processing three types of change: proposals to create a new academic department or school, proposals to eliminate an academic department or school, and proposals to merge academic departments or schools. Some procedures in the document are common to all three types of proposals, e.g., regardless of the type of proposal, a written rationale by the proposing party is required; and regardless of the type of proposal, university-wide discussion of the proposal is provided for, and then school approval of a time-action plan for implementing changes must also be developed once a change has been approved by the University administration.

b. S. Hollander:

(1) The Indiana University University Faculty Council will meet tomorrow. There is one principal agenda item, having to do with a proposal from, primarily, the medical school, which would appoint non-tenure track, but permanent, faculty at the university. The proposal strikes the UFC Faculty Affairs Committee unanimously as a violation of tenure tradition and is not likely to pass in anything like the form in which it is being proposed.

(2) Last year this body passed Senate Document SD 85-17, which requires that proposals for new degrees on this campus be sent to the Educational Policy Committee for their information, and then, in turn, that the EPC notify this body and the whole faculty that the proposal exists. After passage of that document, the administration forwarded off campus a final proposal, which appears to fit the requirements of 85-17, for a new two-year degree program in medical record technology. The proposal
was not seen by the EPC and, as far as I can determine, faculty on this campus were not consulted in any way about that proposal. I have had some discussion with the presiding officer of the Senate about how we can handle this problem. The degree proposal was approved by the Indiana University Board of Trustees and is now before the Commission for Higher Education for their action. I hope that next month we will have some further information on this.

5. **Report of the Presiding Officer:**

There was no report.

6. **New business:**

   (a) M. Downs: I planned on raising this item under the presiding officer's business. Many of you are aware that a series of meetings were held on this campus last week, and rumors are rampant. I was going to ask the presiding officer, if he were at liberty to tell us, what the meetings were about, in order to destroy or substantiate these rumors, but he's not here. He may or may not have been a party to the meetings. Under general good and welfare, I would appreciate it, if it is permitted, that anybody who did play a part in the meetings could inform us as to the substance of the meetings.

   (b) M. Downs moved to approve the appointment of Frederick Kirchhoff to the Professional Development Subcommittee to replace Van Coufoudakis, who has resigned. Seconded.

   Motion passed on a voice vote. (See SD 86-5.)

7. **Committee reports for information only**

   a. **Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Structure - W. Frederick:**

   You should have received when you came in today a notice of an open hearing on academic structure from the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Structure. Attached to the notice are a proposal for reorganization of IPFW and the rationale behind the proposal. We want feedback. The hearing is November 17, at noon, in KT G46. We were charged to report to the Senate by November 1. We are late, and we're sorry, but we wanted to have lots of faculty input. We felt a second open hearing was necessary. We will present a report, for action, at the December Senate meeting. Also handed out with our report was the Academic Officers' Report and the report of the Chairs' Committee on Reorganization.

   b. **Agenda Committee (Senate Reference No. 86-3) - M. Downs**
M. Downs presented SR No. 86-3 (Documents under Deliberation in Senate Committees and Subcommittees) for information only.

8. The general good and welfare of the University:

E. Nicholson: Would anyone like to comment on Professor Downs' request?

M. Downs: Perhaps I should ask if there was anybody who participated in the meetings who is present here today. . . . I am not demanding information, I am only requesting it. I realize there may be very good reasons for not saying anything.

A. Finco: If I am correct, Article VI of our Bylaws requires that faculty members who are on committees report to the Senate and to the faculty.

M. Downs: I am not making a request pursuant to anything in the Bylaws, but just out of a natural curiosity and concern that rumors be stifled.

J. Smulkstys: I was one of the participants in that meeting. The meeting was with President Beering. My best recollection is that three major topics were discussed by President Beering: 1) An effort by our state legislator, Bob Alderman, to create an independent university in Fort Wayne. President Beering wanted to tell us that he and President Ryan are opposed to the idea. 2) Academic reorganization was discussed, and President Beering wanted to tell us that he is in support of our efforts and that once the plan is sent to West Lafayette, he will come back to us and will discuss it with us. 3) President Ryan's letter. President Beering indicated that the letter from President Ryan which was circulated to all faculty expressed his wishes as well, and that he was one-quarter of that letter. He asked us whether the letter reassured Indiana University faculty here; some of us said it did. Right now, I don't recall any other topics being discussed. Maybe someone else who was at the meeting could comment.

K. Stevenson: He did talk about the fine arts building. The Commission for Higher Education met that same day. The fine arts building came out number two state-wide, and he felt that was absolute assurance that it would be funded.

M. Downs: Just to clear up a misconception, Representative Alderman does not propose that this campus be independent; he has proposed only a name change.

W. Frederick: What group of faculty was invited to the meeting?

J. Smulkstys: I assume I was invited as dean of Arts and Letters.

F. Kirchhoff: The faculty, other than those with administrative responsibilities, appeared to be members who served on the search and screen committee for a new chancellor last year. President Beering addressed the group as representative faculty.
W. Frederick: As a member of this body, I would be opposed to such action in the future. I can hardly expect the search and screen committee to be a representative faculty body. I would think that the speakers of both faculties would be present at such a meeting. I think any search and screen committee by its very nature is ad hoc; when its mission is completed, it is dissolved. It certainly is not representative. Was there any mention at that meeting of the Purdue University nursing program becoming an IU system program?

F. Kirchhoff: Yes, President Beering said he was in favor of that change.

M. Downs: Would reorganization plans concerning IU programs at this campus be discussed with administrators at Bloomington as well as at West Lafayette? Is that part of the process for consideration of the reorganization plan?

J. Smulkstys: I don't recall that being mentioned. I think the president's approach was that he was here in town and he wanted to talk to the people representative of this campus. . . .

F. Kirchhoff: In connection with the reorganization, President Beering said that once he received a proposal from this campus, he would conduct a hearing here with the faculty himself and bring in some people from the IU system at that time. He mentioned Judy Palmer's name.

S. Hollander: I haven't seen an organization chart in a long time. Apparently there has been a change in the reporting line of the alumni director for this campus. Is there anyone here familiar with that change?

(No one responded.)

In the past few months there has been discussion here and elsewhere of reporting arrangements for the director of the Weekend College and the director of the Accelerated High School Studies Program. Both of those programs are under new management. What is the reporting arrangement for Pat Farrell as director of those two programs?

E. Nicholson: She reports to me at this point.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Blauvelt
Secretary of the Faculty