

Minutes: September 18, 2003

Members Present: 45

Members Absent: 9

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Marilyn Buck, at 4:00 p.m. Roll was taken by initialing the roster with the assistance of Rachel Heath.

Present: Ralph Baker, Lisa Barnett, Melisa Beeson, Blaine Brownell, Marilyn Buck, Katherine Carlson, Clare Chatot, Kathy Church, Ronald Cosby, Ione DeOllos, John Emert, Judith Gray, David Haber, Arthur Hafner, James Hammons, James Helton, Bruce Hozeski, Linda Huber, Renee Huffman, Adam Itttenbach, Lathrop Johnson, Stanley Keil, Lindsey Kirkpatrick, Patricia Lang, Joseph Losco, Jayson Manship, William McCune, Marcy Meyer, Melissa Mitchell, Gerald Murray, Beverley Pitts, Paul Reilly, Lori Rhoden, Lynne Richardson, Raymond Scheele, Christine Shea, Brien Smith, Frederick Suppe, Benjamin Tietz, Enar Tunc, K. Renee Twibell, Lucinda Van Alst, Carolyn Walker, Thomas Weidner, Elizabeth Whittern, William Zack

Substitutes: Bill Rogers for Clare Chatot, Sara Mangelsdorf for Judy Yordon, Terry Zivney for James McClure

Absent: Joseph Flores, Richard Garcia, Robert Koester, Ifeolu Olowomeye, Scott Popplewell, Nicholas Zuniga

2. Announcements

a. Marilyn Buck welcomed the members to the senate meeting and thanked Rachel Heath, representing Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honorary, for assisting with the attendance sheet and handouts.

b. Guests were asked to sit in the back four rows of the room while Senators were instructed to sit in any of the seats forward of the guest section.

c. Marilyn Buck introduced Cyrus Reed, Assistant Provost of International Education, who spoke about the National Town Meeting flyer distributed at the attendance table. This meeting is in partnership with the Association of State Colleges and Universities and will feature three nationally renowned speakers during the two day event. There will be panel discussions and lectures as well as the Town Meeting. The event will be held September 29 & 30, 2003.

d. Agenda Committee Action

The Senate was reminded that the Agenda Committee acts on behalf of the Senate during the summer months. The action still requires Senate approval.

A motion was made to accept motions passed at the June 17 and July 11 meetings. There were questions regarding the wording of the changes to the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities Disciplinary procedures. The wording submitted reads:

"Employees of the University shall make reports to the Office of the Dean of Students of violations of the Code of Conduct that must be reported to state and federal statutes."

It was suggested that the above be revised to read:

"Employees of the University shall make reports to the Office of the Dean of Students of violations of the Code of Conduct in cases where the offense must be reported to state and federal constituencies."

There were questions also regarding the wording of the Athletics Committee report. The wording submitted reads:

"Continue offering 22 sports until 3 to 6 months during which time a Strategic Plan, including actionable items, is developed to address the complexity of issues facing the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics".

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Motion was seconded and carried.

e. Marilyn Buck introduced Melanie Turner, as the newly hired Undersecretary to the University Senate. Suzanne Gettinger, the previous Undersecretary, retired this summer. Melanie's responsibilities will be only for the Senate and their committees as the Faculty Handbook responsibilities have been retained in the Provost's office.

f. Program Information – Academic Posting 2002-2003, Volume XXIV-9

Revised Programs:

College of Sciences and Humanities

Interdepartmental Programs-Science Teaching Major in Junior High/Middle School Sciences and School Physics

Teaching Major in Physics

g. Marilyn Buck requested that Senators bring their agendas to the meeting as hard-copies will be produced only once.

h. Next Scheduled Meetings:

Agenda Committee – September 29, 2003, 8:00 a.m., SC Korina Room
University Senate – October 9, 2003, 4:00 p.m., AR 217

i. Reaffirmation of Standing Rules - the rules were reviewed and a motion was made to affirm these rules for this academic year.

Motion was seconded and carried.

3. Beverley Pitts recognized the deaths of C. William Barnett, Lawrence J. Birken, Judith Cobb, Lorena P. McConnell, Robert W. Mueller, Jack M. Whitehead (Attachment #1)

4. Council and Committee Reports

A. Governance Committee – Ione DeOllos, Chairperson

The Governance Committee has met and is currently working on language regarding re-organization of structural units. A motion was made to approve the distributed list of additions and deletions to the University Senate Membership List. (Attachment #1)

A correction was requested by the Student Campus Life Committee - Eric Michel is a member of the Student Rights, Ethics, and Standards Committee. Remove Adam Gaff from this listing.

Motion was seconded and carried.

B. Academic Policies Council - Stanley Keil, Chairperson

Stanley Keil reported that the committees have had their first meetings with no action items. The UEC is working on the Elimination of Saturday finals issue at the request of Provost Pitts. The issues of rescheduling of Spring Break as well as the two-year foreign language requirement are also in the UEC for further study. The Academic Assessment Advisory Committee is working on the issue of assessment of computer competency.

C. Professional Affairs Council - Paul Reilly, Chairperson

Paul Reilly reported that the committee has met and have elected Chairpersons for all subcommittees with the exception of two. There are several items up for review. They are:

- A. Bereavement
- B. Coverage for Midwife and Birthing Center Services
- C. Evaluation of Teaching
- D. Pay Schedule - this item went to Salary and Benefits and was tabled.
- E. Smoking/Partner Hiring
- F. Spouse/Partner Hiring

D. Student and Campus Life Council – Katherine Carlson, Chairperson

Katherine Carlson reported that their first meeting was September 12 and they discussed issues coming up this year. Katherine requested that all committees meet several times during the year. She encouraged Council members to get more involved in the University governance system. Next meeting is October 17, 2003.

At this time, Dr. Doug McConkey was introduced and updated the senators regarding implementation of the alternate ID number system for students and personnel. The goal is to assign alternate ID's to all students effective Fall, 2004. The alternate ID for employees will be fully implemented once the required software updates are received from the vendor. Social security numbers will still be used for certain records as required (e.g. financial aid and payroll.)

E. Financial and Budgetary Affairs as well as the Master Planning and Facilities Committees do not have their Chairpersons elected and have not met yet.

F. Governance System Task Force - Bruce Hozeski, Chairperson

Bruce Hozeski reported to the Senate that the task force met numerous times over the summer and that it is functioning well. The Task Force has divided into four writing groups. Bruce felt it was important to include a representative from the Staff Council so that they are aware of changes in the governance system. An issue regarding the senate's authority to make an amendment to a motion brought to the senate floor is being discussed in the task force. As it stands now, the current constitution states that the Senate approves or disapproves motions. however, the Senate has been making amendments for years. Wording will be important with this issue. The task force hopes to have their work completed by spring, 2004.

5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Marilyn Buck

1. Issues in the Senate System (Attachment #2)

Marilyn Buck expressed her appreciation to the Councils for moving items forward through the system and on to the Senate.

2. The Senate needs to find a Parliamentarian for this year's Senate meetings. The Chairperson requested assistance from the Senate in this regard.

3. Marilyn reported on the Open Forum that was held yesterday pertaining to the NCA Self-Study. Faculty have until the end of the month to provide input. The Self-study can be reviewed on the BSU website.

6. Marilyn reminded Senators and guests to identify themselves when addressing the Chair or the Senate. (See Standing Rule #5)

7. Questions Directed to the President

President Brownell thanked everyone for making this a great start to the school year. He congratulated Lone DeOllos for her faculty representative appointment to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. He then answered questions from the Senate membership:

1. A question was raised about the compensation for outside scholars who review promotion applications to full professor. The President stated that he thinks that this is more of a question for Academic Affairs. Beverley Pitts responded that they were not planning on compensating outside scholars. It has always been considered a professional courtesy much like a journal or book review. She is willing to consider the option.
2. A question was asked about the involvement of students in the NCA Accreditation Visit. The President responded that there will be students involved at all levels of the visit.
3. A question was asked regarding NCAA reform. The President reported that yesterday he participated in a conference call of all MAC Presidents. A primary issue in the reform issue is distribution of post-season resources. He anticipates that in the next 4-6 weeks there will be changes in some of the athletic conferences. He feels that the MAC will remain intact.
4. A concern was raised about whether adequate discussion regarding the new requirement for an external review for promotion to full professor had occurred. Was this change going to be only for new hires and not for individuals who are already in the process? The President responded that there are timing issues and deferred to the Provost.
5. A question about lobbying expenses was raised. The President explained that as a public institution we do not lobby, but provide information. It is very effective to offer a series of dinners in Indianapolis. All of the money comes from the President's office through the Foundation. The funds cannot be state-appropriated.

8. The floor was opened for the question and answer period. There were no questions.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Student Center Committee revision regarding the Student Center's programs and operations. The revision, under Student Center Committee in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook (p. 30) was proposed to state:

4.24 "To provide the means for adequate interpretation of the Student Center's programs and operations to its constituents and to receive recommendations from Student Center staff for revisions and improvements."

Motion carried.

a. Student Rights, Ethics and Standards Committee revision regarding membership. The revisions, under Student Rights, Ethics and Standard Committee in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook, (pp. 31-32) were proposed to state:

7.11 "Two members of the Student and Campus Life Council (one student and one professional personnel);"

7.12 "Two faculty selected by the Governance Committee for staggered three-year terms;"

7.21 "To initiate, review or recommend policies....."

7.23 "To evaluate and review student rights and responsibilities..."

Motion carried.

10. New Business

a. Athletics Committee-Student Attendance

This New Business was postponed until a representative from the Athletics Committee could present the motion per Standing Rules #11.

11. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Buck, Chairperson
Thomas Weidner, Secretary