

**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**October 1, 2002**

Chairperson Smith called the October, 2002, meeting of the University Senate to order at 3:17 p.m. in the Alumni Auditorium of the Eberly College of Business.

**The following Senators informed the Senate leadership that they could not attend:**

Broad, Clarke, Fowler, Goldsmith, Luckey, Mancuso, Novels, Orchard, Receski, Rivera, Staszkiwicz, Trenney, Weiner.

**The following Senators were absent from the meeting:**

Affaneh, Buriok, Carter, DeMane, Ezekial, Fisher, Green, Groomes, Hanrahan, Hulings, Patrick, Powers, Kaniasty, Marx, Norris, Detar, Dix, Hanson, Joynes, Lynn, Polenik.

The minutes of the September 3, 2002, meeting were APPROVED.

Agenda items for the October 1, 2002, meeting were APPROVED.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President's Report (Dr. Pettit)**

Senator Pettit said that he had no comments, but would take any questions. No questions were asked.

**Provost's Report (Dr. Staszkiwicz)**

Chair Smith announced that Senator Staszkeiwicz was at an out-of-town meeting.

**Chair's Report (Dr. Smith)**

Good Afternoon Everyone.

I don't really have a whole lot to say today except that after holding the post of secretary for two years, I am extremely jealous that the agenda is as short as it is today. Oh how I would have loved to, just once, have an agenda with the volume of pages in the single digits.

Seriously now, I have just a couple of brief announcements that include the following:

1. Welcome to all new senators, especially the new student senators who are here today for the first time.
2. Dr. Mary Sadler will provide an update under old business from the Liberal Studies Committee regarding the 124 to 120 credit change. At the recommendation of Drs. Pettit and Staszkiwicz, we will limit the discussion and/or questions to a total of ten minutes.

I will run a stopwatch which will start upon the completion of Dr. Sadler's remarks. Today is not a day where we want to or need to have lengthy discussion pertaining to this issue. The provost in our meeting last Friday felt that if we need an open forum through the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee which is sponsored by the senate and provost's office, we will arrange it in the very near future (and he promised to provide the snacks). Today's discussion by Dr. Sadler is for information only, hence, the time limit will be utilized.

3. Mark Anthony, Director of Career Services contacted me via email today to remind me that the Disney College Program meeting will be held here in the Eberly Auditorium after today's senate meeting, so completing the meeting within our expected time structure is a must.
4. I am asking that all committee chairs stay after the meeting for about 2 minutes so that we can determine what would be a good day of the week to have a pre-thanksgiving lunch for chairs of committees, sponsored by the provost's office. I have asked Vice Chair Justin Aion to provide three student senators. Student senators who are free between 11:30 and 1:00 and would like to possibly attend (and get a free lunch), please feel free to stay around right after this meeting if you are available.

Are there any questions I could field at this time? If not, thank you very much.

### **Point Of Order:**

Senator Radell raised a point of order regarding Chair Smith's suggestion to limit discussion time of the debate regarding the 124 to 120 credit reduction. Chair Smith revised his comment to be a suggestion that, since there were other forums for extended debate, comments and questions posed to Senator Sadler remain brief.

### **Vice-Chair's Report (Senator Aion)**

Thank you all for coming. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable weekend. I have a very brief update for you from Student Congress. In the past few weeks, we had several speakers come and discuss matters with us. Chief Sutton and Chief Montgomery came and spoke about police relations and various safety issues, such as adding surveillance cameras outside of dorms doors. Preston Davis from ARAMark discussed some his future plans for food service on campus, and he took suggestions from the students who were present. Last night, George Hood, the mayor of Indiana came to tell us about the nuisance ordinance that is being discussed in the borough council, and Betsy Joseph and one of her associates came to speak about the new policy regarding coffee-makers in the dorms.

The Board of Student Government Presidents is meeting this weekend in Harrisburg. Ira will be attending that in an effort to better strengthen relations with the other state owned schools. In his absence, I will be presenting the 4<sup>th</sup> place prize for Homecoming floats at the IUP football game on Saturday on behalf of Student Congress.

On a slightly more personal note, I would like to ask a favor of the faculty. As you can see, the student contingent is very underrepresented. As a favor to me, the students who are here and the students who would like to be, but are unable, I would ask you all to do some free advertising for

Student Congress. If you could take two minutes at the beginning of each of your classes to tell students of the existence of Student Congress and University Senate, I feel that it could greatly improve the student representation in this body.

Thank you all very much and I hope that the rest of your week goes smoothly without too much stress.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Senator Sadler of the Liberal Studies Committee gave an update on the progress toward meeting the mandate to change the required number of credits to graduate from 124 to 120.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Rules Committee (Chairperson Broad)**

An election was held to fill vacant seats on Senate committees. Rules Committee Vice Chairperson Buriok distributed and collected ballots.

The election resulted in the following individuals assigned to the following committees:

#### **Rules Committee**

Senator Hillary DeMane  
Senator Gary McClosky

#### **Non-Credit Committee**

Senator Caleb Finegan (1-year term)  
Senator Hazel Hull (2-year term)

#### **University Development and Finance Committee**

Senator Gail Wilson

#### **Library and Educational Services Committee**

Senator C. Tom Ault

#### **Student Affairs Committee**

Senator Sally Thornton  
Senator Cassandra Green  
Linda Sullivan

**Research Committee (Chairperson Guth)**

Reported that the Research Committee met on Sept. 10 and had first review of USRC proposals.

**Student Affairs Committee (Chairperson Hall)**

Announced that eight students had been appointed to the Senate and that fourteen slots remained open.

**University Development and Finance Committee (Chairperson Domaracki)**

No report.

**Academic Committee (Chairperson Andrew)**

No report.

**Awards Committee (Chairperson Jackson)**

Announced that at the Sept. meeting had selected Senator Kathryn Bransford as Vice Chair.

**University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Chairpersons Sechrist and Numan)**

For Information:

Honors College Committee Report:

FRNC/SPAN 481 Honors Colloquium "Impact of Catholicism in French and Spanish History" was approved for /H/ credit.

HNRC 499 Mass Media and American Society taught by Mary Beth Leidman has been approved for /H/ credit.

Liberal Studies Report:

Mr. Ron Freda was given one-time approval to teach LBST 499 The Atomic Bomb.

**Graduate Committee**

No report.

**Library and Educational Services Committee (Chairperson Johnson)**

Reported on the LESC meeting of September 10, at which time the Chair and Secretary were elected and LESC liaisons to four university committees were identified. The main points discussed at the meeting included the following:

- Send the recommended bylaws change to the Rules Committee.
- Coffee kiosk anticipated by October 1 in the area of the old reference desk.
- Stabley renovation is anticipated to begin Fall, 2004.
- Received the IUP Libraries' Strategic Plan.
- Received Educational Service Fee distribution and explanation regarding library budget.

- Technology Utilities Committee is investigating purchase of “anti-spam” programs.
- Include discussion of Computer Policies for next meeting.
- Identify LESC committee involvement with IUP Libraries’ Strategic Plan at future meeting.

**Non-Credit Committee (Chairperson TBA)**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Secretary-IUP Senate