

Indiana University Senate Meeting - APRIL 25, 1972

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A special meeting of the Indiana University Senate was called to order by President Bright at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 1972 in McVitty Auditorium. A quorum was present.

Senator Robert Saylor, Chairman, Committee C (Tenure, Promotion) moved that the recommendation of this committee be approved:

Forty-nine persons were approved for merit increases. This is two more than appear on the printed report.

The motion was seconded by Senator Oliver. The motion passed.

Senator Rife, Chairman, Committee A, presented a first reading of an amendment to the Senate constitution on which discussion and action will be taken at the next meeting, May 9. The constitution presently states that seventy percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The proposed amendment states that a simple mathematical majority shall constitute a quorum.

Senator Green, Chairman, Committee B (Academic Affairs) moved that the 1972-73 calendar be taken from the tabled list and opened for discussion. Motion seconded by Senator Yenchko.

Senator Green then presented the following report:

On April 18 Committee B met with a representative from S.G.A. to discuss the 1972-73 calendar. The following relates the decision coming out of that meeting:

"The committee discussed the 1972-73 calendar proposals. Ron Bixler, an S.G.A. representative, presented his organization's proposals. Dale Marchand of the scheduling center was also present. Vice-chairman Sue DeMark chaired this portion of the meeting. After lengthy discussion, the committee moved into executive session. The committee took the motion to table as a directive to reconsider our originally-sanctioned calendar, and in reconsidering it gave extensive attention to the revisions proposed by S.G.A. While the committee agreed in principle to the aims of the S.G.A. proposals, it decided that implementation of these proposals, at this late date, raised problems that made approval of these proposals prohibitive at this time. Senator Green moved that this committee ask the Senate to approve the previously sanctioned calendar for 1972-73, with the implicit understanding that Committee B, through a sub-committee and in cooperation with all parties concerned within the University, will work out an academic calendar for 1973-74 by no later than December, 1972. The new calendar will give primacy to the ending of finals prior to Christmas. The motion was seconded by Senator Yenchko and passed unanimously."

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Committee B wishes to thank the S.G.A. for its cooperation. The University Community should take careful note of the mammoth amount of energy which has been expended by the S.G.A. in its study of alternative calendar proposals. That such dedicated interest in improving the functioning of the University shall not be wasted, Committee B strongly urges the Senate to:

1. Pass the 1972-73 calendar offered by Committee B on April 11, and
2. Permit Committee B to begin study immediately (in cooperation with all parties concerned within the University) to develop an academic calendar for 1973-74 which will be ready no later than December 1972.
3. Expect a 1973-74 calendar which will, beyond little doubt, end finals prior to Christmas.
4. Not act precipitously by adopting a radically new calendar at such a late date. Careful study needs to be given to the implications of a radical change for: 1) Departmental scheduling, 2) Foundation grant programs, 3) teaching and non-teaching union contracts, 4) catalog publication, 5) student summer and mid-year employment, 6) student teaching, 7) inter-collegiate athletic schedules (games, training, and recruiting), etc.
5. Give everyone a fair and full hearing.

Senator Green reminded the Senate that the motion of April 11 was to adopt the 1972-73 calendar as presented.

Senator Truxell stated that he is opposed to this calendar and asked that Mr. Bixler, a non-senator, present his views. Senator Oliver objected and said that to permit one non-senator to speak sets a pattern for others.

Senator Rife stated that the Senate constitution does not clarify whether a non-senator may speak. In his view this is improper, and the question will be taken up at the next meeting.

Senator Truxell moved that the Senate suspend the rules and allow Mr. Bixler to speak. Motion seconded by Senator Shearer. Motion failed on a count of 59-25.

Senator Truxell then stated that the question to end the fall semester by Christmas is favored by 82% of the faculty and 96.6% of the students.

Senator Eisen said that the 96.6% refers to students voting, not a majority of the students on campus. The 82% of the faculty are those who voted on the principle of whether they favored a calendar ending before Christmas vacation.

Senator V. Ferrara said the question is not whether a majority of the people of the University would like the calendar, but whether it can be

put into effect. There were such serious problems that it was decided to postpone the question until next year.

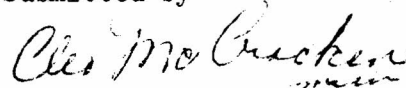
Senator Binkley moved the previous question (that the senate adopt the calendar presented by Committee B). Senator Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Senator Murdoch, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluation, reported that the committee will present for action at the meeting of May 9 a total questionnaire, cost analysis, and evaluation process. The committee will begin final implementation after the first Senate meeting in the fall.

The next meeting will be held May 9, at 4:00 p.m. Items for the agenda are due by May 1.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cleo McCracken".

Cleo McCracken  
Secretary