

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The February 6, 1979 meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chairman Dale Landon at 3:20 p.m. in Pratt Auditorium.

The following Senators were excused from the meeting: Senators Fuget, Dakak, Schaub, and Podbielski. In addition, the following Senators were absent from the meeting: Bowes, Bright, Ferguson, Ford, Gillis, Graham, Hulse, Ice, Klein, Lauda, Lesneskie, Marchand, McBride, McClelland, McPherson, Moreau, Nold, Perlono, Receski, Scheeren, Seacrist, H. Smith, W. Smith, Storm, Syty, Wilson, Dillon, Olson, Sayre, Bisignani, Carney, Corle, DeBone, Doersch, Goshorn, Hegeman, Law, McTighe, Mills, Murray, Nardone, Potter, Sands, and Sherman.

On a motion by Senator Chamberlin, seconded by Senator Chambers, the minutes of the December 12, 1978 meeting were approved as published.

Chairman Landon introduced Mr. Bernard J. Ganley, IUP's Interim President, who spoke to the Senate expressing his appreciation for the indications of support which he has received from those at the University. Mr. Ganley indicated that the number one problem facing IUP at the present time is the freeze on the budget which affects personnel and purchasing. He has been in contact with Harrisburg daily on this matter; he has been advised to use discretion in these matters and feels that the University can get through the academic year without jeopardizing the traditional academic excellence of the University. Mr. Ganley indicated that there is a screening committee set up to deal with specific items of great concern and asked for cooperation in dealing with these matters.

Chairman Landon announced that the Board of Trustees, at its December 15, 1978 meeting, approved the actions of the University Senate taken at its meetings on October 17 and November 14, 1978. The Board also approved the Master of Science Degree in Sports Sciences, as a summer only program; this item had been removed from the agenda of the Board of Trustees by President Wilburn last summer, but was approved by the Board of Trustees in December, 1978.

Chairman Landon reminded the student Senators that they are to pick up the Senate meeting minutes and agenda in the Student Government Association office in Pratt Hall prior to each Senate meeting.

Chairman Landon read a letter from Mr. Ganley, Interim President, in which he acknowledged that the administration inadvertently violated a policy recommended by the University Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 13, 1970 in its recent appointment of a head football coach. He also indicated that the administration, in the future, will try to adhere to that policy.

In a future issue of IUP PANORAMA, the new faculty/staff publication, Chairman Landon indicated that he wishes to publish a listing of the projected work of the various Senate committees and asked the Committee Chairmen to provide him with these projections.

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Introduced as Old Business, Committee D recommended the approval of the following Discrete Course Withdrawal Policy, which the Senate approved:

"During fall and spring semesters, graduate students may request authorization to withdraw from a graduate course without prejudice and with a grade of "W" by petitioning the graduate dean in writing within the first six weeks of the semester as determined by the published University calendar. The request must carry the endorsement of both the course instructor and the student's department chairperson or graduate studies coordinator, in that order. Graduate students wishing to withdraw from an undergraduate course within the prescribed six weeks must do so by processing the standard undergraduate Discrete Course Withdrawal form.

For summer term classes and labs, the following is substituted for the six (6) weeks period in the preceding paragraph: for Pre and Post Sessions, within the first six (6) class days; for Main Session, within the first twelve (12) class days.

Following the close of the established six weeks (or 6th or 12th day) withdrawal period, a graduate student may withdraw from a course, either graduate or undergraduate, without penalty only with the written approval of his/her department chairperson or graduate studies coordinator and the graduate dean (in that order) for such reasons as accident, severe illness, pregnancy, or extreme personal disturbance. A student dropping a course under any other circumstance will automatically receive an "F" at the end of the semester or summer term.

No refunds are made for reduced class loads resulting from discrete course withdrawals of any type or at any time after classes have started."

The Senate also approved the following policy statement on Thesis/Dissertation Direction and Committee Membership as recommended by Committee D:

"Thesis or dissertation direction, or membership on a thesis/dissertation committee, by a faculty member not on the staff of the student's home department is authorized if such action has the approval of the faculty of the home department. Tenured professional personnel of other accredited higher education institutions may serve on thesis/dissertation committees (but not as committee chairpersons) as long as their services are gratuitous and the arrangement has the approval of the degree-sponsoring department's faculty."

As recommended by Committee D, the Senate also approved the following policy on Graduate Student Academic Good Standing:

"IUP graduate students must maintain a 3.0 (B) cumulative graduate quality point average to be in good standing academically. Students falling below good standing as evidenced by their grade reports are placed on probation for their succeeding active semester or summer; probationary continuance beyond one semester or summer is permitted only upon receipt of special authorization to this effect from the graduate dean. A student must be in good standing to be admitted to degree candidacy and to graduate."

Committee A, chaired by Senator Kofoed, announced that the minutes of the University Senate, for the remainder of this academic year, will be published and sent out to the administration and faculty via campus mail. Student members of the Senate are to pick up their copies of the minutes and the meeting agenda in the Student Government Association Office in Pratt Hall. Several students voiced objection to this procedure and were advised to attend the next Committee A meeting to discuss this problem.

Committee A announced that the next Senate meeting will be held on March 6, 1979 in Pratt Hall Auditorium at 3:15 P.M.

Committee A moved adoption of the Revised Constitution of the University Senate as distributed with the December 12, 1978 agenda. Senator Kofoed outlined the approval procedure as follows: It requires a majority vote of the Senate to approve the revised Constitution; it then requires a two-thirds vote of the entire faculty and administration for passage.

Much of the discussion on the revised Constitution centered around the PURPOSE, ARTICLE II. It was felt by the Senators that the new purpose was very weak and stripped the Senate of any powers it heretofore possessed. Senator Benz, who chaired the Constitutional Revision Committee, indicated that the new purpose, as stated, coincides with the practices that currently occur in the Senate.

Senator Simkins moved the substitution of the following PURPOSE to replace that printed in the revision: "The purpose of the University Senate is to provide a formal means through which the student body, faculty and the administration, working as a unified group, shall share in the governance of the University through the establishment of university policy. All matters of general policy regarding University governance which may be initiated by the University itself must receive recommendation by the University Senate before it proceeds to the President of the University and the Board of Trustees. Policies proposed by committees other than Senate Committees shall not be deemed binding until they have been approved by the Senate. Such recommendations cannot limit the legal authority of the Board of Trustees, the President of the University, or the collective bargaining agents." This motion was seconded by Senator Chamberlin.

Senator Brightwell then moved, and Senator Lambert seconded, that the Constitution Revision be tabled for the present time, to be brought back on the floor of the Senate as an item of New Business following action on the remainder of the standing committee reports. This would afford an opportunity for discussion of other aspects of the committee report. This motion was passed by the Senate.

The following recommendations of Committee B2, Curriculum, chaired by Senator Chellman, were approved by the Senate:

1. Deletion of Food, Nutrition Option in the Consumer Services Department
2. New course, CS-FN 461 - Microwave Cooking Technology - 3 cr.
3. New Geoscience courses, included in the General Education package:
 - GS 101 - Earth Science I - 3 cr.
 - GS 102 - Earth Science I Laboratory - 1 cr.
 - GS 103 - Earth Science II - 3 cr.
 - GS 104 - Earth Science II Laboratory - 1 cr.
4. New course, Sociology 357 - Sociology of Aging - 3 cr.

Due to the loss of a quorum, the report of Committee D (Graduate),
chaired by Senator McGovern, was not acted upon by the Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth M. Troxell
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