

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The October 4, 1994 meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chairperson Rafoth at 3:15 p.m. in Pratt Auditorium.

The following Senators were excused from the meeting: Cercone, Cronk, Curey, DeCristoforo, Duntley, Hanrahan, Kroah, Nardi, Sellers.

The following Senators were absent from the meeting: Arnett, Camp, Carson, Chiocco, Dickenson, Dougherty, Ender, Ficco, Halapin, Hart, Hicks, S. Holt, Kilwein-Guevara, Kovacs, Kutchko, LeBlanc, Lytle, Marano, Mastalski, Monaghan, Mukasa, Peterson, Reese, Riesenman, Sanderson, Sawtelle, Sevin, A. Smith, Stiffey, Talwar, Vella, J. Wilson, Woolcock.

The following corrections to the Minutes of the September 13, 1994 meeting of the Senate were made:

The description of the function of the Sub-committee on Faculty Research Grants of the Committee on Research should be as follows:

5. Sub-committee on Faculty Research Grants

1. Function

The Sub-committee is to receive the ranked research proposals from the College Research Committees. The Sub-committee must abide by the ranked order of proposals within a College as set by the College Committee. The Sub-committee then recommends a ranked order of funding of all research proposals, respecting the order set within each College. These recommendations shall be forwarded directly to the Dean of the Graduate School and Research and to the Senate for information only.

The Sub-committee shall be responsible for the final rankings of both the IUP Senate Fellowship Awards and the University Senate Research Committee Awards.

The Sub-committee must abide by the ranked order of proposals within a College as set by the College Committee. The Associate Dean for Research will fund the proposals in the order presented until all funds have been expended. A list of awards shall be forwarded to the Senate for information only.

The meetings of the Curriculum Committee are held in room 202 Sutton Hall and not in room 203, as it appeared on the minutes. The minutes of the September 13, 1994 meeting of the Senate were then ACCEPTED.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Under the Curriculum Committee Report, course item 2 for senate information. The title for the synthesis course was corrected to read Birth and Parenting a Biocultural View instead of Biocultural Aspects of Childbearing.

Items 1 and 2 for senate action were moved to become items 4 and 5 for senate information.

The agenda was then ACCEPTED.

President Pettit's report is attached. (Attachment A)

Provost Staszkievicz's gave no report.

Vice Chairperson Taiani's report is attached. (Attachment B)

Chairperson Rafoth's report is attached. (Attachment C)

OLD BUSINESS (carryover from September 13, 1994 meeting)

There was no old business.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON STINEMAN

1. Beatrice Fennimore will replace Seantor L. Vold in the senate and the Research Committee for the Fall semester only.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON BARKER

1. Informed that the next meeting of the committee will be October 25 in 202 Sutton at 3:15 P.M.

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON RADAKOVIC

No report.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE - VICE CHAIRPERSON FRAJERMAN

1. Presented for senate action the following Policy for Student Teaching Placements

Policy for Student Teaching Placement

Student teaching is the capstone experience in the program of the emerging professional educator. Student teaching assignments are the responsibility of the university. To avoid conflicts of interest, students will not be assigned to districts from which they graduated or to districts in which they permanently reside, or to schools in which an immediate family member is employed.

Exceptions to this policy may be made in large urban school

districts such as Pittsburgh and Philadelphia where there are numerous elementary and secondary schools so avoidance of assigning a student teacher to their "home school area" can be achieved.

Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Dean, College of Education, or his/her designee.

A friendly amendment to include the word normally in the fourth line, by Senator Cunningham was ACCEPTED.

The first paragraph would change then to:

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A motion (Hanley-Zablotsky) to return to committee was entertained. After some discussion senator Novels called for question and the motion to return to committee was DEFEATED by a 40 For, 69 Against, 0 abstentions vote.

Senator Butzow called for question and the original motion to accept the Policy on Student Teaching Placement was APPROVED.

2. Informed that the next two meetings of the Academic Committee will be:

Tuesday October 11 in room 218 Sutton to discuss +/- grade options and in room 359 Sutton for grade appeal policy.

Tuesday Oct. 16 for the regular meeting.

AWARDS COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON WHEAT

No report.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - CO CHAIRPERSONS MILL AND KUZNESKI

1. The senate APPROVED the following existing courses for Liberal Studies Approval.

AN/SO 314 Native Americans, Liberal Studies Elective and Non-Western (9/15/94)

HI 367 Native American History, Liberal Studies Elective and Non-Western (9/15/94)

GRADUATE COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON NASTASE

1. Presented for senate information the following Policy on

Variability of Graduate Programs.

Policy On Variability in Delivery of Graduate Programs

The Graduate Committee recognizes and supports innovation in the delivery of graduate programs.

There is a wealth of scholarship and practice in the area of program delivery. In addition to the wide variety of existing graduate programs, at least ten years of scholarship exists in the areas of: distance education, off campus education, external degree programs, extension programs, non-traditional programs, and programs serving special graduate populations.

This policy concerns modification in the delivery of an existing graduate program. When a department plans to modify the delivery of an approved graduate program, the following procedure must be followed:

1. The department should submit a proposal to the Graduate Committee describing its plans to modify the mode of delivery of an existing program in terms of:
 - a. nature of instruction: e.g. type of faculty, use of electronic media;
 - b. location: e.g. main campus, satellite campus, off campus (including out-of-state location); or,
 - c. course schedules: e.g. weekend, intensive "workshop", self-paced, etc.
2. That proposal should include a discussion and justification of how the proposed changes:
 - a. compare with the existing program, and
 - b. comply with all relevant guidelines.

By guidelines we mean such things as the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Meet and Discuss agreements, the SSHE and IUP mission statements, and the graduate curriculum handbook. Proposals for out-of-state programs will also address any requirements or restrictions of the receiving state.

3. If, in the opinion of the Graduate Committee, the change cannot be shown to be equivalent to the approved program and to comply with applicable criteria, the department must submit a new program proposal.
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2. The senate APPROVED the following modification to the M. Ed. Program in the Division for the Education of Exceptional Persons as presented on the Agenda.
 3. The senate APPROVED the minor revisions to the M.S. in Biology as presented on the Agenda.

LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON MICCO

1. Informed that three policies (on copyright, information and periodicals) will be brought forward in the November meeting.
2. Informed that there exists an In Print Board as a subcommittee. However since about one half of the publications are not presented to the subcommittee they voted to disband themselves.
3. Informed that the Printing Center Policy is under review.

NON-CREDIT COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON NOWELL

Informed that the next meeting of the committee will be October 11 in the conference room of Continuing Education at 3:15 P.M.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON NEUSIUS

1. The senate APPROVED the adoption of revised guidelines for the IUP Senate Fellowship Awards beginning with the 1995-1996 year that were described in Attachment E of the Agenda.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Alarcón
University Senate