

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The October 6, 1998 meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chairperson Alarcon at 3:15 p.m. in the Alumni Auditorium of the Eberly College of Business.

The following Senators were excused from the meeting: Ames, Andrew, Anthony, Ault, Blackledge, Butzow, Dugan, Ender, S., Foltz, Garcia, Goldsmith, Joseph, A., Maggiore, Mancuso, Marx, Nunn, Piwinsky, Sanchez, Stonebraker, Wilkinson.

The following Senators were absent from the meeting: Baker, Bell, Bencich, Bevington, Bish, Black, Brode, Brothers, Brown, G., Brown, T., Bukartec, Camp, Chefuta, Chmiel, Connell, Diccicco, DiFranco, Eck, Ender B., Fisher, Gay, Giardullo, Gilmer, Holler, Hulings, Jenkins, Knouse, Krause, Kupris, Lehman, McCreary, McGonigal, Miller, B., Minus, Moore, Mukasa, Parrish, Receski, Reed, Richardson, Riesenman, Russell, Shea, Sherman, Shuey, Soule, St. Paul, Stickler, Taiani, Topka, Vernon, Vivier, Woan, Zaronek.

The minutes of the September 15, 1998 senate meeting were ACCEPTED.

Agenda items were APPROVED.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Dr. Pettit)

No report.

PROVOST'S REPORT (Dr. Staszkiwicz)

I just have one brief announcement. We will begin in the next ten days to two weeks a search for a Dean of the Graduate School and Research. I realize that there are rumors that there are plans to decentralize the Graduate School. I assure you that these rumors are not true and I hope that initiating this search will help to dispel those rumors.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Unfilled Position)

No report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Dr. Alarcon)

I have only a couple of brief announcements: I have appointed Dr. Joseph Domaracki to be the Senate Representative to the President's Athletic Advisory Committee. His appointment is for this academic year. The second position that has been filled is the representative to the ESF Committee. The Library and Educational Services Committee has elected Dr. Rena Fowler to serve as the Senate representative in that committee.

Finally I want to thank Senators Bob Curey and Terry Rittenberger. They have been serving for over a year in the committee that has drafted the new Sexual Harassment Policy. I know that this has been a very arduous task that hopefully will come to a close today.

OLD BUSINESS (carryover from September 15, 1998 meeting)

There was no old business.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES COMMITTEE--Chairperson Beisel

Senator Casey Cojocararu was nominated for Vice Chair of University Senate. Nominations were then closed. Senator Cojocararu was elected as Vice Chair of University Senate.

Chairperson Beisel announced that the Rules Committee has been working on the committee roster that was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Senator Beisel asked the Senators to review the roster and send an e-mail to RAYBEISE if there are any discrepancies. Senator Beisel also mentioned that the committee is currently working on reviewing the Senate by-laws.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE--Chairpersons Wilson and Myers

Chairpersons Wilson and Myers introduced themselves and asked the student Senators on the curriculum committee to meet with them after the meeting.

Graduate Committee--Chairperson Williamson

Chairperson Williamson presented the following for Senate information:
Minor Course Revision:

Course Title Change

From:

SO 612 Methods for Sociological Practice

To:

SO 612 Methods for Human Service Practitioners

Rationale: The current title implies that the course applies only to students in the field of sociology. In reality, the scope of the course is broader. As indicated in the approved course description and syllabus, the course relates to working with clients in the human service field. The new title would suggest the applicability of the content of this course to the programs of students in a variety of departments, in addition to those in Sociology.

At the recommendation of Chairperson Williamson, the Senate **APPROVED** the following course number deletion:

Deletion from the Course Master File of the course number "951."

CR 951 Extended Dissertation
EL 951 Extended Dissertation
EP 951 Extended Dissertation
EN 951 Extended Dissertation
LP 951 Extended Dissertation
PC 951 Extended Dissertation

Rationale: This number has previously been used to distinguish "extended" dissertation credits. Since the number 951 is attached to an "audit" course, doctoral students are being denied loan deferments and loan opportunities since the class is not for credit. The extended dissertation policy remains in place, but all credits will be registered for "950."

LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE--Chairperson Jackson

No report.

NON-CREDIT COMMITTEE--Chairperson Grove
No report.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE--Chairperson Neusius
No report.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--Chairperson Barker
No report.

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE--Chairperson Heckroth
No report.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE--Chairperson Duntley
No report.

AWARDS COMMITTEE--Chairperson Wheat

Senator Annie-Laurie Wheat was elected chairperson of the Awards Committee. New members were asked to see Senator Wheat after the meeting. Nomination forms for Senate awards will be sent out on November 9 and should be returned to Senator Wheat by December 14, 1998.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Sexual Harassment Policy

Senator Alarcon invited a motion to allow Marlene Joyce permission to speak, if necessary, regarding the sexual harassment policy. The motion was made by Senator Jackson and seconded by Senator Duntley. Motion was **APPROVED**.

Senator Curey addressed the Senate concerning the Sexual Harassment policy. He reviewed the changes that the committee made in response to the May 1998 Senate meeting. He said that the committee would now like to submit the policy for endorsement by the Senate.

Changes were explained, questions were answered, and suggestions for consideration were made from the floor.

During the sexual harassment policy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to allow Bethann Scullin, News Editor for the PENN, to address the Senate. Motion was **APPROVED**.

A motion by Senator Williamson was seconded to endorse the proposed sexual harassment policy with the suggested revisions. Motion was **APPROVED** with two abstentions.

2. Student Congress Report

Senator Cojocararu announced that the Meeting of the Masses will be held on October 28, 1998 at 7 p.m. in Folger Food Court. The new web page for Student Congress is www.coop.iup.edu/sc.

3. Library Resources

Senator George Walz expressed his concerns pertaining to the University library and questioned the adequacy of its resources. He inquired if the Library and Educational Services Committee is reviewing this issue. Senator Jackson, Chairperson of the Library and Educational Services Committee,

responded that the committee is reviewing some of these issues and concerns and will prepare a report for the Senate when their research is complete.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Golden
University Senate Secretary