

MINUTES
Policy Council
School of Education
February 27, 2002
IUB – Room 2140
IUPUI – 3138G

****The following are summaries of speaker contributions****

****Agenda items were considered in a different order than originally listed due to the visit from President Brand and from Lissa May who presented information on changes to the Music Education Department Program.**

Members Present: Barman, Brantlinger, Buzzelli, Carter, Delandshere, Hossler, Levinson, Peng, Silk, Williamson. **Alternates Present:** Lester. **Dean's Staff Present:** Gonzalez, Lambdin. **Staff Representative:** Wickemeyer-Hardy. **Student Representatives:** Singh (graduate), Frazen (undergraduate). **Guest:** Brand, Kloosterman, May, Ruesink

I. Approval of the minutes for January 30, 2002

[02.15M](#)

A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes with amendments.

The amended minutes for January 30, 2002, were unanimously approved.

II. Announcements and Discussions

A. Dean's Report

Item 1: External Standards

Dean Gonzalez stated that the need to accept standards for student teaching is an example of how these requirement come from outside of the School of Education. He provided an example in which a recent graduate was not hired because he took 12 credit hours in courses outside of the School of Education such as dancing and Ju-jitsu. The principal stated that these types of courses do not contribute to the ability of a student to be a teacher. He stated that this is an example of the mind-set of the people who are making decision about the hiring of graduates of the School of Education. It also demonstrates how this issue of standards influences not only faculty but also students. In addition it shows how the principals are feeling the pressure of Public Law 221.

Delandshere commented that the boards might require courses such as physical education, which are different from what the principals want.

Dean Gonzalez responded that the professional standards board has moved away from the requirements for course work. They don't require specific course work anymore. Now the board requires documentation from the school that students meet the standards. The unit assessment system is the mechanism to assure that students are meeting standards.

Item 2: Clarification of Revision of the Constitution

Dean Gonzalez stated that last year the Policy Council had asked the Long Range Planning Committee to review the current Constitution and to suggest changes that would align the Constitution with current practice. After the Policy Council had reviewed and approved of any changes it would then go to the faculty for a vote.

Bichelmeyer added that the process will be reviewed at the next meeting and will be considered item-by-item.

B. Agenda Committee

1. Proposal for changes to the first semester calendar

Bichelmeyer referred Policy Council members to attachment [02.17](#): Proposal for changes to the first semester calendar. The changes have been proposed at the university level to bring the number of weeks for the first semester in line with the number of weeks for the second semester. Each semester would have 74 class days, requiring classes to begin a week earlier, but providing a fall break. This also matches the IUB schedule with IUPUI and Purdue University. There were questions from faculty as to when this calendar would be initiated. Some members thought it would begin for Fall 2002 and others suggested that this would require a lot of changes in materials and information already produced by the university.

2. Sexual Harassment Report from Faculty Affairs Committee

The attachment [02.18](#): Sexual Harassment was reviewed. There was no discussion of this item.

III. New Business

A. President Myles Brand

President Brand addressed a number of issues concerning the university and the School of Education.

1. The impact of budget cuts from the state.
2. Indiana University will support charter schools in the state but will not sponsor any charters.

3. The challenges of attaining and maintaining diversity and making Indiana University a welcoming environment.
4. The Life Sciences Initiative and the role of the university in helping the state to develop economically.
5. School of Education faculty and staff concerns regarding the Levenberg family. In addition, Brand mentioned the costs for care for Ron Levenberg. These costs have been covered by the university due to the self-insured status of the university and the end of the entitlement period for Levenberg coverage. He also mentioned the need to maintain coverage for all university faculty and staff while keeping insurance costs down.

B. Course Re-validation for Undergraduate and Initial Certification [\(02.19\)](#)

Discussion of this item was deferred to the March 27, 2002 meeting.

C. Elementary Teacher Education Program: Theory in Practice—Merger of Praxis and TIP [\(02.20\)](#)

Kloosterman provided the rationale for merging Praxis and TIP. He stated that the two programs had historically been combined but had been separated. There is a current need for merging the programs due to duplication of staffing and procedures in trying to run two separate programs.

Lester moved to accept the proposal to merge Praxis and TIP. Buzzelli seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all 11 members present in favor.

D. Undergraduate curriculum proposal—Music Education Department Program-- Instrumental Program [\(02.21\)](#)

See Item “E.” below.

E. Undergraduate curriculum proposal—Music Education Department Program—String Program [\(02.22\)](#) (Items D. and E. were discussed together).

Kloosterman provided background information on the process of the course changes to date and confirmed that the proposal had been approved by TEC.

Brantlinger motioned to approve the proposed changes to course requirements in the Music Education Department Program as presented to the Policy Council.

Bichelmeyer seconded the motion.

A discussion followed with questions answered by Lissa May and Pete Kloosterman.

The motion was passed with 9 members voting to approve the motion, 1 member voting against approval, and 1 member abstaining.

F. Operating Procedures for the Teacher Education Council ([02.23](#))

Discussion of this item was deferred to the March 27, 2002 meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. Draft Amended Constitution ([02.13](#))

Discussion of this item was deferred to the March 27, 2002 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.