

MINUTES
POLICY COUNCIL
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
April 10, 2002 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
School of Education
IUB Room 2140
IUPUI Room 3138E

The following are summaries of speaker contributions

Members Present: Barman, Bichelmeyer, Brantlinger, Carter, Delandshere, Hossler, Levinson, Odom, Peng, Silk, Williamson. **Dean's Staff Present:** Cummings, Gonzalez, Kaho. **Staff Representative:** Wickemeyer-Hardy.

I. Approval of the Minutes from March 27, 2002 Meeting

Approval of the minutes for March 27, 2002 was tabled until the April 24, 2002 meeting. Specific notations of changes to TEC and IST proposals are to be added, along with notation of who moved and seconded proposals.

II. Announcements and Discussions

A. Dean's Report

Item 1: State Funding

The Governor has called for a full session of the legislature to reconsider the state budget. At this point, the outcome of such a session is uncertain.

Item 2: Meeting of the Trustees

The Trustees have approved the university budget for next year with the assumption that there will be no changes in funding from the state. The budget includes:

- A 9% tuition increase for 2002-2003
- Doubling of the technology fee for students
- Average salary increase for faculty of 3.5%
- Approximately .5% available for retention initiatives

A budget meeting of the deans has also been called. More details regarding the budget will be available at that time.

B. Agenda Committee

There will be a special meeting of the faculty on April 22, 2002 beginning at 8 am in the Auditorium in Wright Building and 3138E School of Education at Indianapolis. There will be a videoconference connection for this meeting. Breakfast will be available.

The special meeting is for discussion of proposed changes to the constitution of the School of Education.

All faculty are encouraged to attend this important meeting. The attendance of twenty-five percent (25%) of all faculty will constitute a quorum at this meeting for the proposed changes

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to be voted on by mail in May 2002. A quorum is required at this meeting for the proposed changes to be voted on by mail in May 2002.

Carter asked what the process would be if faculty want to make changes from the suggested amendments.

The discussion will be line-by-line, so that if faculty do not agree with specific items, those items may be voted down. At today's meeting of the Policy Council, amendments which will be put forth to faculty will be determined.

III. New Business

There was no new business to be discussed at this time.

IV. Old Business

A. Draft of Amended Constitution 12/07/01 ([02.13](#))

Bichelmeyer proposed that the process of discussion of the proposed amendments be limited to 10 minutes for each of the first 5 Articles. Levinson will keep time. There will be quick votes for each of the suggested changes. Kaho will track the votes. Bichelmeyer also suggested that members focus on substantive issues in consideration of proposed changes. At the end of the day there will be an overall vote to amend the Constitution as discussed at this meeting.

1. Preamble

Silk expressed concern that "the Faculty of the School of Education at Indiana University" is not inclusive of the Indianapolis campus.

Silk made a motion to change the reading throughout the document to "the Faculty of the School of Education at Indiana University in Bloomington and Indianapolis". The motion was seconded by Bichelmeyer. The change was unanimously approved.

2. Article I. Section 1. Source of Powers

There were no changes to this section.

3. Article I. Section 2. Voting Membership

There was discussion regarding the terminology and concepts in regards to tenured faculty and faculty holding other types of positions. In addition, concern was voiced over the proportion of clinical faculty at the university and the School of Education.

Bichelmeyer called for the vote on the item. The vote was unanimous to put forward the changes as suggested by the Long-Range Planning Committee with the clarification that "tenured, tenure-eligible and clinical" be used throughout the remainder of the document where appropriate. (****The Constitution has been changed to read, "tenure-probationary" to be consistent with the Academic Handbook.**)

4. Article II. Section 1. Presiding Officer

There were no changes to this item.

5. Article II. Section 2. Secretary of the Faculty

Bichelmeyer suggested a change in the wording of this item to be consistent with BFC. She suggested to change "the Secretary of the Policy Council" to "the President of the Policy Council".

After discussion, it was decided to move on and come back to this item. Upon returning to discussion of the item, it was decided to change the term "Secretary" of the Policy Council to "Chair" of the Policy Council. The decision was unanimously approved.

6. Article II. Section 3. Duties of the Secretary

There was unanimous acceptance of section 3 with the addition of "of the School of Education" immediately following "The Secretary of the Faculty".

7. Article III. Section 1-Section 6.

These items were unanimously approved without discussion.

8. Article IV. Section 1. A-N

B. Determination of the content of curricula and the structure of programs in the School of Education.

Delandshere asked why the changes were needed in this item. She stated that the suggested changes would narrow the role of faculty. As stated, only programs that currently exist would be under faculty control.

Gonzalez stated that the changes were not meant to narrow the faculty role, but to clarify that faculty have authority over the content of curriculum and the structure of programs. He stated that there should be language that puts the program in the hands of the faculty. Faculty must be in control of the curriculum.

Bichelmeyer called for a vote. This was worded as accepting the suggested changes or restoring the item to its original wording.

The motion was approved with 6 members in favor of accepting the proposed changes and 5 members in favor of restoring the item to its original wording.

E. Determination of faculty status (the proposed change is to omit this item, as it is covered by F and H.)

After minimal discussion, Bichelmeyer called for the vote on this item. The item passed with 10 members in favor and 1 abstention.

There was no discussion on the other items in this section.

9. Article IV. Section 2. Review Authority

The item was accepted unanimously without discussion.

10. Article V. Amendments to the Constitution

The suggested change for addition of “to the Constitution” to the title of this article was accepted unanimously without discussion.

11. Article V. Section 1. Method of Amending

Levinson pointed out that although 25% of the faculty are required to constitute a quorum, only 2/3 of those who vote are required to pass an item. In the first case, the process would be stopped if not enough faculty attend a voting meeting and in the second it doesn't matter how many attend or end up voting. He suggested the addition of a statement that the quorum requirement could be waived for a special meetings, especially since there is no voting.

Brantlinger asked if the wording could be changed to indicate the different requirements based on whether a vote is taken or not. Since a quorum is only needed when a vote is to be taken, we could strike “quorum” from section 5 on page 3.

After discussion, it was decided to move on to the next item due to time constraints.

12. Article VI. Section 1. Purpose

This item was accepted without discussion.

13. Article VI. Section 2. Governing Rules of the Policy Council

A. Membership

Cummings stated that he was against changing the membership of the Policy Council to 13 from 12 as suggested by the Long-Range Planning Committee. In addition it is inconsistent with page 11, which refers to each year replacing 6 faculty members to 2-year terms.

Delandshere responded that an increase in the number of members would help, as a member of the council needs to be on each standing committee. There are 17 committees.

Cummings replied that there are actually fewer faculty and fewer committees at this time.

Bichelmeyer called for a vote on the suggestion to restore the change to the original of 12.

9 members voted in favor of restoring the item to the original wording. 1 opposed. (One member had left, leaving only 10 members present at this time.)

Continuing with this same section, considering the second suggested change, Cummings stated that this should be changed to provide consistency throughout the document as previously discussed. It would then read “Twelve of the voting members shall be elected tenured, tenure-eligible, or clinical faculty members from the School of Education”.

Item #2, and Item #3 were unanimously accepted with the changes proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee.

B. Term

Bichelmeyer suggested that the Policy Council term of membership be 3 years like on the standing committees.

Williamson responded that the Policy Council is the only “truly representative” body in the school of education and they are voted on by faculty.

Odom thought that the 2-year turnover provided for a wider variety of faculty representation and distributed the workload better.

Bichelmeyer asked if this meant that there would be no changes to this item.

Brantlinger said that she would suggest omitting the phrase “tenured, tenure-eligible, and clinical” since once you are elected, you are elected.

Bichelmeyer called for the vote. Item B passed unanimously with the change to omit the phrase “tenured, tenure-eligible, and clinical”.

C. Eligibility of Faculty Members

Levinson suggested that the phrase “tenured, tenure-eligible, or clinical” be added to the statement in front of the word “appointments”. The word “academic” would then be deleted. The word “individuals” should be replaced with “persons”.

This item was unanimously accepted with the changes provided by the Long-Range Planning Committee and the changes suggested by Levinson.

D. Secretary

Discussion and voting of item D was tabled to later premised on the changing of the wording for consistency with the document and the faculty handbook.

E. Presiding Officer

The item was unanimously accepted.

F. Last Meeting

The item was unanimously accepted as suggested by the Long-Range Planning Committee.

G. Committees

The introduction or “preamble” to section G was unanimously accepted.

G. 1. a. Agenda Committee

Bichelmeyer noted that although it is important to have consistency of language within the document, the intent of the Long-Range Planning Committee is that only “tenured and tenure-eligible” faculty be included on the Agenda Committee.

This item was unanimously accepted with the suggested wording above.

G. 1. b. Nominations and Elections Committee

This item was unanimously accepted.

G. 2. Standing Committees

The preamble to this section was unanimously accepted.

Section A was changed to read: “Faculty and Budgetary Affairs Committees. These committees at Bloomington and Indianapolis”

Section A was unanimously accepted.

B. Call for a Vote

Levinson suggested that the council vote at this time to initiate the amendments as discussed to this point.

Both Williamson and Gonzalez stressed that there needs to be a vote today on the status of the Teacher Education Council (items g for IUB, and h for IUPUI).

Bichelmeyer moved to accept the changes made today by the Policy Council, to change the wording “Secretary of the Policy Council” to “Chair of the Policy Council” throughout the document, and to forward the document for discussion and voting to the faculty with these changes and the proposed amendments from the Long Range Planning Committee.

Levinson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.