



Executive Committee Minutes



September 2001

Attendance: Tolhuizen, Vinodgopal, Lindmark, Sandoval, Hass, Schultz, Stevens, Delunas, Coffin, McDonald, Poulard, Ledbetter, McShane. **Guest:** Joe Pellicciotti for Executive Vice Chancellor Virginia Helm, and Professor Bert Scott, Chair of the IUN Computer Committee.

I. Call to Order

President Jim Tolhuizen called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m..

II. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings on [April 6, 2001](#) and [August 6, 2001](#)

The president asked for a motion to approve the April 6, 2001 Executive Committee minutes. It was noted that Secretary McShane had inadvertently omitted the name of Cheryl Oprisko, Allied Health, from the roster of attendees. With that correction, a motion to approve the April 6 minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The president next asked for a motion to approve the August 6, 2001 Executive Committee minutes. Don Coffin advised that the last name of Desila should be spelled Rosetti. President Tolhuizen offered one addition to those minutes, dealing with the results of an email vote on substitute language in the Ex Comm AQIP Resolution of August 6 (please see the August 6 minutes for details of that substitution). President Tolhuizen announced that the substitute language vote had resulted in approval of said language. With the correction and update, a motion to approve the August 6, 2001 Executive Committee minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

III. Conference Call with Chancellor Bergland

Chancellor Bergland was away from campus attending the monthly meeting of the IU Board of Trustees. He wanted to speak with the Ex Comm about a couple of things, so a conference call was arranged.

The chancellor began by explaining that he had some remarks prepared for the Faculty Organization's September meeting and wanted the Ex Comm's input on them. The terrorist attacks on the United States earlier this week (Sept. 11) had caused him to think about our undergraduate curriculum, and its ability to produce effective citizens. He wondered how we should do it, for he felt that we need to fulfill that responsibility. Do we change the curriculum to create citizens of a "changed United States?" Naturally, curriculum is the purview of the faculty.

As several members of the Executive Committee responded to the chancellor's inquiry, discussion expanded to include the IUN Vision process. Comments by Executive Committee members included:

- . Curriculum and academics appear to be absent from the Vision process.
- . Some faculty are disturbed by what appears to be language of process rather than academic excellence.

. The fact that the chancellor seems to feel that our faculty is not responsive to the outside world, vis-a-vis our curriculum, causes some concern.

. We need to stop all the focus on diversity. Changing the curriculum is not the answer.

. A particular problem with the Vision has been an apparent lack of attention to faculty teaching schedules, for Vision meetings are scheduled at teaching times. There is not a strong ownership of the Vision by some faculty. There seems to be an attitude that if faculty do not want to go with the Vision that they will be left behind. This message needs to stop. Greater effort needs to be made to bring teaching faculty to the Vision table.

. IUN is not practicing what it preaches. One example was summer counseling this year-it caused problems to have counseling and registration in the same day. Another problem was a lack of chalk in classrooms on the first day of classes-how student-centered is that?

The chancellor responded to these comments with thanks for the Ex Comm's insight. He emphasized that he wants academic excellence, too. He thinks that there will be a strong academic bent to the Vision, such as in the Environmental Area of Excellence. Both Areas of Excellence should embody academic excellence. He would like to talk more about this issue. Regarding the curriculum, Chancellor Bergland feels that we have a very traditional curriculum. Also, we may need to change our budget process to be less of a struggle to make changes. For example, 45% of students beginning their university experience at IUN do not return. We need to find out what changes need to occur to cause students to stay at IUN and if faculty are willing to make those changes. Regarding the Vision, he wants people to talk to him about their problems with the Vision. He'll be available whenever they want to meet.

Other issues addressed during the conference call included if the Trustees would pass coverage for IUN staff/faculty domestic partners at this meeting (the chancellor will check); and the status of Allied Health associate degrees vis-a-vis IVTC. Chancellor Bergland explained that we are looking at all associate degree programs to see if any would be candidates for movement to a two-year institution. It could turn out that some stand-alone two-year programs might work better at a community college. At present, no programs have been tagged for such a shift.

The conference call concluded with mutual expressions of appreciation for helpful exchanges of ideas.

IV. Proposed IT Policies

President Tolhuizen called upon Professor Bert Scott, chair of the IUN Computer Committee. Dr. Scott distributed two draft IT policies, one for printers and one for desktop computers. The policies seek to centralize printers and create a process Life Cycle Funding for desktop systems and printers to achieve greater efficiency and cost savings. The policies will go before the Faculty Organization next Friday. Vice Chancellor Steward would like feedback.

The Executive Committee identified several problems with the draft printer policy, including no color capability, lack of privacy with a central printer, and possible lack of access to a central printer after office hours.

The Ex Comm decided to send these draft policies back to the Computer Committee with the charge that it returns to the Ex Comm with whatever recommendations it deems necessary. In the interim, the Ex Comm will approach the administration to develop a reasonable interim policy and/or practice of handling these issues.

V. Policies on Post-Tenure Review and Dismissal Procedures for Tenured Faculty and Librarians

President Tolhuizen distributed copies of the above two draft policies. Three years ago, the Faculty Organization approved guidelines for post-tenure review. Because our Vision process was starting, we held off on this issue. Then, last year, the Trustees had differences on the content of such a policy. Meanwhile, the IUB and IUPUI campuses wrote post-tenure review policies, and the Trustees have accepted both of them. This year,

the Trustees have asked the IU regional campuses to adopt policies based on either the IUB model or the IUPUI model.

The Faculty Affairs Committee has sent these two drafts, based upon the IUPUI model, to the Executive Committee. They will go before the Faculty Organization next Friday for "first readings" of the documents. Discussion, debate, and voting will occur at a later Faculty Organization meeting. Jim will post these policies on the World Wide Web.

VI. Faculty Organization Committee Structure

Jim, Pam Sandoval, and Robin Hass met over the summer about our committee structure and will present us with some suggestions on restructuring.

VII. United Way

Deanna McDonald is the chair of this year's United Way campus campaign. Deanna mentioned that she would like a co-chair for this assignment and will follow-up on a couple of leads.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Don Coffin reported on a new Teaching/Learning Center for IUN. It will assist faculty to develop new and innovative pedagogical styles and be available for faculty development. The FACET group is working with the Faculty Development Committee to compose the mission statement for the Center and also the position description for the Center's director. Don and Tim Sutherland, chair of the Faculty Development Committee, will visit IUSB next week to view its teaching/learning center. Plans call for our center to be up and running by January 2002. It will reside in the library.

There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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