

Academic Senate Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2024, 2:30 pm DW1001

[Meeting Materials](#)

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Members Present:

Quorum met

Premeeting Information

See [Senate Blog](#)

For more about recent events and calls for the ouster of President Whitten, see the following sources:

1. The IU Bloomington chapter of the AAUP's [Statement Concerning Police Action](#)
2. The Indiana Daily Student's [report on the no-confidence vote](#) of April 16 and a report on the [issues leading up to that vote](#).

AAUP National's [statement on crackdowns on free speech](#) on campuses, including this: "At this critical moment, too many cowardly university leaders are responding to largely peaceful, outdoor protests by inviting law enforcement in riot gear to campus and condoning violent arrests. These administrators are failing in their duty to their institutions, their faculty, their students, and their central obligation to our democratic society."

1. Called to order at 2:30 pm after quorum reached

C. Schult Reviewed Procedures

We want to make sure we hear from a variety of people. One comment or question before anyone gets a second or third turn. The Parliamentary Procedure code says to not share things outside of this meeting with non-voting members. Only voting members of the Academic Senate may stay.

[Zoom option](#) for those who cannot attend posted on the Senate blog the day before the meeting. Zoom attendees will be able to listen but cannot comment or participate in votes.

We are here because we received a petition from 10 faculty. Because it is a special meeting we cannot add or remove things from the agenda. We can amend the motions but cannot discuss anything beyond the agenda items.

2. Special Meeting Session- Closed Meeting (only voting members)

Presenters: J. Maddox & W. Feighery

Thanked faculty for attending the meeting and the senate executive committee for organizing this meeting in alignment with faculty governance principles.

Reviewed timeline including events at Bloomington that led to the vote of no confidence, the IU Trustees' statement following the vote, and President Whitten's response to work with faculty in the future.

Discussion about both motions

Discussion ensued about motions brought forward.

Letter was written by Whitten to faculty about the events at Dunn Meadow was discussed

Motions

- Amendment wording edited and discussed. Motion to approve edits. Moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - o South Bend Academic Senate calls for the Board of Trustees to terminate the presidency of Pamela Whitten based on the vote of no confidence by the Bloomington Faculty Council on April 16, her handling of events in Dunn Meadow, and failure of leadership as outlined in the May 7 letter to the Board of Trustees and President Whitten from the IU South Bend Academic Senate Executive Committee on behalf of the faculty.

-Motion to close all amendment edits- Motion passed unanimously

Further Discussion of the motion

- **Motion to close debate-** **Motion** moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Action Items & Follow up

Electronic ballots will be provided immediately after the meeting. Reminders will be sent Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

All voting faculty should respond to the ballot to vote on the discussed item.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved at 3:28 pm EST

Respectfully submitted,

Mallory Roberts (secretary)