UNIVERSITY SENATE UPDATE
SPRING 2016

Doug Nelson, Senator
The Senate approved nonbinding resolution asking: “The President, the Provost, the Board of Trustees, Chancellors, and the rest of the Purdue administration develop and announce all major changes that affect scholarship, teaching, and organization of Purdue while the University Senate and the regional campus Faculty Senates are in session.”
“All major initiatives should then progress openly through the appropriate committees and then be discussed on the respective Senate floors before they are adopted.”

The motion passed.
Several changes in the bylaws related to senator terms and who can be a senator were proposed. The most controversial was the following statement:

“Only faculty with a rank less than Department Head, or Associate or Assistant Department Heads with less than 50% commitment to academic administrative duties, are eligible to serve as senators.” The motion was defeated.
The proposal was to include notation for certain disciplinary action on the transcripts.

- Suspension: notation will remain on the transcript for the length of the suspension.
- Expulsion: notation on the transcript will be permanent.
- Degree revocation: notation on the transcript will be permanent.
The motion passed.
A nonbinding resolution was proposed to raise the minimum wage the university pays: “The Purdue University Senate recommends that the university raise the minimum wage for part-time student and temporary employees to $8.25 an hour.”

The motion passes
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

A nonbinding resolution was proposed to affirm Purdue's "Statement of Commitment to Freedom of Expression"

The motion passes.
A nonbinding resolution was proposed to: “University Senate recommends that the highest priority be given to continued support and development of the PLaCE program for both incoming international undergraduate and graduate students who are admitted with a total score of 100 or less on the TOEFL (or an equivalent) and a speaking score of less than 25, and provide placement testing for them.”
ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

The motion passed.
A nonbinding resolution was proposed to support “… the PSG Comprehensive Report on the Status of Mental Health Resources & Funding Options at Purdue University, and recommends that Purdue University hires eight additional clinicians, perhaps by utilizing one of the mechanisms brought forth in the PSG report.

The motion passed.