

Committee Report of the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee on the Merger of the Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (School of Education)

On April 1, 2010 Faculty Senate President Arnold Van Der Valk established a monitoring committee for the proposed merger of the departments of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) and Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in the College of Human Sciences (CHS). The committee included Dan Loy (Chair), Steve Mickelson and Diane Debinski. This committee was established in accordance with Section 2.7 (Policy for Academic Reorganizations) of the ISU Faculty Handbook. On April 9, 2010 the committee met with Clark Ford (Faculty Senate past-president) and Dr. Van Der Valk to review their charge.

On May 6, 2010 the committee met with Dean White, Corley Book, John Schuh and Carl Smith representing the College and Departmental administration. At that meeting, documents that were developed by an initial steering committee that outlined the rationale and planning process for a proposed move to establish a School of Education (SOE) in the College of Human Sciences were shared. The committee was also apprised of a faculty vote supporting the establishment of a transition team to move forward with the planning process. The vote (of 73 possible) was: Faculty (43 yes, 1 no), P&S Staff (10 yes, 1 no), Merit (6 yes, 0 no), Total (62 yes, 2 no). The transition leadership committee was initially established to include two senior (full professors) and two junior (assoc. professors, assistant professors, clinicians and lecturers) elected faculty members each from C&I and ELPS and one elected support staff representative from each department.

In the fall of 2010 the SOE Transition Committee was expanded to include representatives of the teacher education program and also students within the departments. A listing of committee members follows:

Linda Hagedorn, committee co-chair, ELPS
Carl Smith, committee co-chair, C&I
Theresa Boettcher, support
Michael Davis, ELPS student
Corey Drake, C&I
Larry Ebbers, ELPS
Anne Foegen, C&I
Thomas Greenbowe, LAS
Carolyn Holt, C&I
Keri Kleinschmit, C&I student
Gayle Luze, HDFS
William Miller, AGLS
Kouide Mokhtari, C&I
John Nash, ELPS
Marisa Rivera, ELPS
Dan Robinson, ELPS
Marjorie Smith, ELPS
Ann Thompson, CTLT

David Whaley, Teacher Education

The SOE transition committee met every two weeks throughout the 2010-11 academic year. One of the three members of the Faculty Senate oversight committee attended each meeting. Theresa Boettcher, from the CHS Dean's office as support to this committee, recorded very complete and accurate minutes from each meeting. These notes, along with specific details of the process can be found on the web site that was developed by the committee: <http://www.hs.iastate.edu/about/planning/school-of-education/> . In addition open forums were held to gather additional input from stakeholders on February 23 and March 3, 2011. The work of the committee during the school year culminated in the development of a proposal (<http://www.hs.iastate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/proposed-implementation-plan-20110429.pdf>) for the creation of the Iowa State University School of Education. An on-line vote of faculty and staff was held that concluded on May 10, 2011. The poll asked voters, "Do you favor the establishment of a CHS School of Education per the proposal?" Of 80 eligible voters, 77.5% cast votes. According to the proposal, vote tallies were disaggregated as follows:

- C&I tenured/tenure-track faculty: 18 Yes, 0 No
- ELPS tenured/tenure-track faculty: 7 Yes, 7 No
- C&I non-tenure-track faculty: 6 Yes, 0 No
- ELPS non-tenure-track faculty: 5 Yes, 1 No
- C&I staff: 8 yes, 1 No • ELPS staff: 5 Yes, 0 No
- UTE staff: 4 Yes, 0 No

These results were forwarded to Dean White for presentation to Provost Hoffman.

According to the Section 2.7 of the Faculty Handbook (policy on Academic Reorganizations), the committee concludes that this proposed reorganization process followed established policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Faculty Senate Monitoring Committee

Dan Loy, Professor of Animal Science (Chair)

Diane Debinski, Professor of Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology

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