

Iowa State University
FACULTY SENATE
Session XIV, Meeting 10
May 7, 2002

[Rough draft]

I. Call to Order

The meeting at 260 Scheman was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Christie Pope, who welcomed President Gregory Geoffroy.

Attendance:

Present: D. Anderson; C. Baldwin; D. Carter-Lewis; M. Chen; B. Coree; J. Cunnally; J. Dana; F. Dark; R. Dearin; M. Doran; C. Drewes; M. Duffy; T. Emmerson; D. Fowles; W. Franke; S. Freeman; C. Gasta; S. Gilmore; J. Girton; R. Gregorac; R. Hall; B. Hand; C. Heising; A. Hendrickson; J. Herwig; J. Hill; P. Hoffman; P. Holden; D. Hopper; H. Ilahiane; K. Jolls; D. Jones; P. Korsching; A. Kyber; J. Lamont; G. Leavens; R. Lowry; P. Martin; G. Mattson; J. Maves; C. Mize; D. Morrical; J. Moses; A. Murdoch; F. Nutter; M. Olsen; C. Pope; M. Porter; C. Post; J. Raich; G. Rajagopalan; B. Robinson; J. Robyt; K. Schilling; J. Schuh; D. Simonson; D. Smith; L. Stephens; B. Summers; S. Tim; W. Trahanovsky; H. van Leeuwen; D. Vrchota; T. Weber; B. Woodman; M. Wortman, M. Yaeger.

Absent: S. Agarwal; I. Anderson; D. Bazyliniski; D. Bullen; G. Colver; E. Cooper; H. Cravens; D. Epperson; C. Fehr; A.M. Fiore; C. Ford; J. Hutter; R. Johnson; M. Mattson; J. Opsomer; M. Owen; G. Palermo; G. Phye; P. Premkumar; S. Russell; B. Thacker; A. Thieman; C. Thoen; J. Tollefson; C. Trexler; W. Ware; B. Yang.

Substitutes: T. Zanish-Belcher for D. Coffey; H. Hohmann for G. Hightshoe.

Guests: O. Newlin, President Board of Regents; G. Kraus; K. Kruempel, Chair Curriculum Committee; K. Kane; R. Heer, P&S Council; L. Allen, Ames Tribune; R. Richmond, Provost Office.

Substitute senators were seated.

II. Special Orders

A. Address by the President of the Board of Regents, Dr. Owen Newlin.

President Pope introduced Dr. Owen Newlin, noting that he earned his B. A. and M. A. at ISU and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

President Newlin congratulated the faculty for the exceptional job it does in

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research, outreach and teaching and pointed out that ISU has representatives throughout the United States for carrying out its responsibilities at the highest levels. Despite this year of considerable challenge because of 9/11 and the recession -- things started out bad and turned out even worse -- Newlin said he believes we have coped well with shrinking budgets and remarked that many members of the faculty have played important roles in working with the central administration. He gave special thanks to those who served on the President's Task Force on University Strategic Effectiveness and Budget Priorities: Christie Pope, Bill Woodman, and Lee Fletcher, as well as Rex Heer for P&S. Newlin also thanked Rollin Richmond for his three years at ISU and congratulated him on his appointment as President of Humboldt State. In addition, he expressed thanks to President Geoffroy for the collaborative way he has worked to deal with these challenges, for bringing sensitivity in dealing with faculty concerns, and for his genuinely student-centered approach. From the outset, said Newlin, Geoffroy has embraced the theme of challenging students to become their best.

It's been a difficult year, said Newlin, not just for the Regents' universities but all of education and indeed everything in the state. The Regents' universities lost nearly \$82 million, which is about 12% of the total budget and roughly the equivalent of UNI's budget. ISU lost \$32 million and over 200 positions. There will be additional problems in '02, and things do not look good for '03. A larger issue is at stake here, noted Newlin. Despite Iowa's long history of generous support of K-12 education and for higher education, there has been a steady shift since 1981 in the balance between what the state pays in appropriations and what the students pay in tuition. In 1981 students paid a little over 20% but now pay almost 35%. This is not confined to the state of Iowa, said Newlin, pointing out that at Indiana (Bloomington) students pay 40%. The return on the state's investment in the Regents' universities, which make important contributions to Iowa through technology transfer, etc., is approximately 104%. In '01, the University of Iowa brought in \$227 million in grants (a lot of this is federal) and ISU, \$217.5 million -- figures that rival the entire state appropriation. Newlin also voiced concern about the impact of tuition and fee increases on enrollment, even though similar increases in other states suggest that the impact will be minimal and even though the Regents' universities will remain at the bottom of the Big 10 and the Big 12 in terms of tuition. Another concern of the Board, said Newlin, is the impact on student debt loads.

Newlin noted that this very day the Revenue Estimating Conference, which met in Des Moines, announced a \$167 million shortfall in '02 and a \$230 million shortfall in '03, which is over and above the FY03 budget that House and Senate have passed. Whatever happens, said Newlin, there are two important things that will help us through this storm.

First, we must stay true to our strategic plans. The Board of Regents and each Regents' institution have appropriate plans that are ambitious and have high

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goals and visions. Noting that such plans are effective during good times and especially during bad, Newlin stressed the need to preserve the core vision, core mission, and core responsibilities. The current budget crisis has not caused the Board of Regents to consider changing its vision, said Newlin, and it should not cause ISU to reconsider its mission either. Of course, our progress will be slowed.

Second, we must focus on the governance of Iowa's three universities and two special schools. A governance plan has been in place since 1909, and it has been in place this long because it allows the universities to do what they do best, said Newlin. The Board of Regents is a citizen board with members nominated by the governor and approved by the Senate for a staggered six-year term. By law, the board must have four women, one student, and one minority member. Newlin noted, however, that the Governor has been giving attention to geographical representation as well. Within this governance structure the three regents' universities have worked together rather than competitively, said Newlin, who commented on the record enrollments at the institutions. He also expressed his surprise in learning that people in other states are envious of the Iowa system, including candidates interviewed for the position of president at the regents' universities.

The final matter addressed was the naming of the Honors building, a controversy Newlin said all members of the Board of Regents regret. Newlin stated that the Board of Regents did not intend any disrespect to the Faculty Senate in the way the issue was handled and noted that at the request of Geoffroy, President Pope was invited to make a presentation at the April Board of Regents meeting. The matter was discussed in a respectful way by the Regents, said Newlin, who noted that when members were asked at the end of the discussion if there were resolution, there was none. Newlin expressed his appreciation for the role that the Faculty Senate played and said that without this body, there would not be a university. He also praised the extra efforts made by President Geoffroy and Faculty Senate President Pope on this issue, which show that there was concern. Nevertheless, said Newlin, "There is a time to move on, and I believe it is now." He then asked the help of the Senate in dealing with the continuing budget challenges. Expressing hope that the challenges can be weathered, Newlin concluded with an appeal to continue the work we are charged with doing in order to help people lead better lives.

Questions/Answers:

Q¹: Noting that the Senate had raised the issue of faculty representation on the Board of Regents, Max Porter said he appreciates the different roles assumed by the Board of Regents and by the Faculty Senate but remains concerned about the need for communication. Had the Faculty Senate had the chance to exercise its role, said Porter, such matters as the naming of the Honors

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building might have been less acrimonious. A: Newlin responded that the legislature, of course, makes the decision about faculty representation, a matter which has been discussed by the Board. Newlin expressed confidence that all nine Regents would agree with him that they represent the entire state, whereas a faculty member represents a special interest. If you have a faculty member on the Board, asked Newlin, does that mean you would also have someone from P&S and Merit? The matter, he said, is up to the legislature to decide.

Q²: Palmer Holden asked if there is any talk about whether duplicate colleges can no longer be afforded. Is it time, he wondered, to set priorities among universities? A: Newlin responded that the Regents universities have three colleges of education, three of business, two of engineering, and three of liberal arts, science and humanities. All of these have strong enrollments, said Newlin, so if we shut down one, the students there would have to go to the other two. The students would still be there. In 1989, 1990, and 1991, MGAT did a study on duplication, and there was discussion about whether one could close a college of engineering at ISU and put it at Iowa, for example. Noting that he was not involved, Newlin remarked that the answer that emerged, and his interpretation of it, is that it was not politically feasible. The constituencies around those particular counties would make life very difficult for any politician to attempt to do that; however, added Newlin, that doesn't mean there can't be some consolidations within an institution to become a better steward of the resources that are available.

B. Memorial Resolutions of Deceased Faculty [S01-35] - David Hopper

David Hopper presented the following memorial resolutions:

Minoru Amemiya, Professor Emeritus and Extension Agronomist;
 Lloyd L. Avant, Professor Emeritus of Psychology;
 Ralph E. Patterson, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering;
 Emmanuel Troyansky, Professor and Founder of the Higher Chemical College in Moscow, who fostered ties between the college and ISU and later retired in Ames; and
 Jack L. Weigle, Professor Emeritus of Horticulture.

III. Consent Items

It was moved and seconded to adopt the following consent agenda, which was then approved:

- A. Minutes of April 9, 2002 [01/M/9]**
- B. Agenda [01/A/10]**
- C. Calendar [01/C/10]**

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D. Council Reports

E. Spring 2002 Graduation List [S01-36]

F. Interdisciplinary M.S. and Ph.D. in Biornewable Resources and Technology [S01-37]

G. Receipt of the Faculty Senate Procedures Manual [S01-28]

J. Naming of Buildings [S01-28]

IV. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate President Pope

President Pope thanked President-Elect Max Wortman for the corsage which he gave her on behalf of the Faculty Senate. She also thanked Provost Richmond for the service he has rendered to ISU, noting especially his fairness and responsiveness, and congratulated him upon his new position. Pope then presented Richmond with a framed certificate citing his excellent leadership and service to the Faculty Senate.

B. Provost Rollin Richmond

Provost Richmond thanked President Pope and said he wanted to comment on tenure and promotion decisions this year. In 2002, of 65 cases and 40 tenure cases, 3 were denied by the college and 6 by the Provost; of the 24 cases for promotion to full professor, 7 were denied by the dean and the Provost and 17 were recommended. Provost Richmond also provided data for the two preceding years.

V. Old Business

A. Motion on the ISU Foundation (Emmerson) [S01-34]

The following motion was discussed:

The Faculty Senate endorses current efforts to make more records of the Iowa State Foundation open to the public in the spirit of openness and the Iowa Open Records Law.

The Senate endorses the publication of an annual report that identifies:

- (a) amounts received by the Foundation;*
- (b) amounts transferred to Iowa State University; and*
- (c) how these funds were distributed at the university, college, and departmental levels.*

The Senate also recommends that the State Auditor should, at least once every four years, conduct an audit of Foundation records.

It was moved and seconded to table the motion until fall. The motion to table was passed.

VI. Special Orders

A. Recognition of Senators by President Pope

Past-President David Hopper for his willingness to serve, especially for heading up the Nontenure-Track Task Force, the university's library committee, and transitions committee for the Nontenure-Track group. Pope remarked that in many ways Hopper has worked harder as past-president than many presidents have as president. In presenting a commendation to him, Pope noted that Hopper is also the Senate's representative on the ISU Foundation.

Jack Girton for his work on the Conduct Policy during the years he chaired the Judiciary and Appeals Council. Given that it took three years to complete the policy, Pope said this is as much a perseverance award as anything.

Max Porter for chairing the Governance Council. Pope, who noted that it is not an easy job because of the multitudinous details, also commended Porter for serving as the Senate's parliamentarian.

Retiring senators were also thanked by President Pope: **Daniel Coffey, Hamilton Cravens, Janice Dana, Mike Doran, Gerald Colver, Ray Dearin, Mike Duffy, Tony Epperson, Jim Hutter, Dorothy Fowles, Waren Franke, Richard Hall, James Hill, Palmer Holden, Roy Johnson, George Jura, Michele Mattson, Joel Moses, Forrest Nutter, Max Porter, Wendy Ware, Tom Weber.**

B. Passing of the Gavel

In passing the gavel to Max Wortman, President Pope commented that he actually enjoys going to committee meetings. Wortman, said Pope, is very organized, energetic, has lots of enthusiasm for this position, and she believes that as professor of management he will get us all organized here next year.

Wortman presented Pope with a plaque with a gavel on it for her work as President of the Senate and placed a statement of commendation for Pope's work as President of the Faculty Senate on the overhead. The following is the commendation:

Dr. Christine F. Pope has served the Faculty Senate with distinction for the past five years. During that time, she has served as Secretary from 1998-1999, Chair of the Academic Affairs Council from 1999-2000, Chair of the Faculty Retreat from 1999-2000, Chair of the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Task Force from 2000-2001, President-Elect from 2000-2001, a member of the Presidential Task Force on Efficiency and Budget from 2001-2002, President from 2001-

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2002, and as a member of the Executive Board from 1998-2002.

From the moment she began her tenure as President, she initiated a number of significant efforts to strengthen the role of the Faculty Senate in shared governance with the administration of the University, she provided outstanding leadership in the continuing concerns over the loss of tenure-line faculty members during the past fifteen years and in the continuing concerns over the decline in the funding of Iowa State University, she constantly attempted to strengthen the fabric of the Faculty Senate by following the principles and policies previously established by the Faculty Senate, the central administration, and the Iowa Board of Regents, she demonstrated extraordinary patience with a wide-ranging group of faculty interests and personalities, she showed innovative solutions to some faculty issues that had been dormant for years and supported faculty senators in other creative solutions to faculty challenges, and she constantly remembered that inclusiveness and diversity of the faculty is one of its greatest strengths.

Throughout these efforts, she reiterated the principles of academic freedom and free speech, which she promised she would do in her presidential nominations speech.

Therefore, the Faculty Senate of Iowa State University does hereby recognize the outstanding service of Dr. Christie Pope, President of this body for the academic year, 2001-2002.

After the Senate unanimously passed the statement, Wortman asked new senators to introduce themselves. The following complied: Ashley Kyber, Chris Martin, Tanya Zanish-Belcher, Al Murdoch, Hans van Leeuwen, Dan Morrival, Dave Smith, Ken Jolls, David Smith, Bob Lowry, Shirley Gilmore, David Carter-Lewis, and Michael Olsen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Constance Post,
Faculty Senate Secretary