

**Iowa State University
FACULTY SENATE
Session XV, Meeting 2
MINUTES
October 15, 2002**

I. Call to Order

The meeting at the Gateway Center, North Room was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Max Wortman.

Attendance:

Present: M. Al-Kaisi; D. Anderson; I. Anderson; C. Baldwin; D. Carter-Lewis; T. Chacko; E. Cooper; J. Cunnally; C. Fehr; A.M. Fiore; S. Gilmore; J. Girton; B. Hand; C. Heising; J. Herwig; G. Hightshoe; M. Holland; P. Hoffman; W. Huffman; K. Jolls; D. Jones; P. Korsching; A. Kyber; J. Lamont; G. Leavens; R. Lowry; S. Madon; P. Martin; J. Maves; M. Mook; D. Morrical; A. Murdoch; M. Olsen; J. Opsomer; M. Owen; G. Phye; C. Post; P. Premkumar; J. Raich; B. Robinson; J. Robyt; K. Schilling; D. Simonson; L. Stephens; W. Tavanapong; A. Thieman; S. Tim; J. Tollefson; W. Trahanovsky; H. van Leeuwen; D. Vrchota; M. Wortman, M. Yaeger; T. Zanish-Belcher.

Absent: S. Agarwal; D. Bazylinski; D. Bullen; M. Chen; B. Coree; F. Dark; C. Drewes; C. Ford; C. Martin; G. Mattson; B. Mennecke; C. Mize; C. Pope; J. Schuh; B. Thacker; C. Thoen; B. Woodman; P. Wray; B. Yang.

Substitutes: D. Field for S. Reeman; D. Tondra for R. Gregorac; J. Pruetz for H. Ilahiane; J. Garcia for R. Kottman; F. Haan for G. Rajagopalan; D. Berleant for S. Russell; J. Duffy for D. Smith.

Guests: G. Geoffroy, ISU President; D. Finnemore, ISU Retiree's Committee; R. Heer, P&S Council; R. Peterson, Ames Tribune; R. Richmond, Provost Office; S. Carlson, Provost Office; M. Mendelson, ISUComm.

II. Orders of the Day

A. President Gregory Geoffroy

President Geoffroy addressed the Faculty Senate. President Geoffroy stated that at the Fall Convocation he gave four priorities for the university keep strongly focused on advancing the excellence of Iowa State as the overarching goal of the institution. The priorities are: 1) provide a top quality education to the students that come to Iowa State; 2) increase the excellence of our academic programs; 3) remain strongly connected to the people of Iowa because we are a landgrant university; 4) enhance our efforts to foster diversity at Iowa State.

President Geoffroy also stated that in the Convocation address he emphasized the importance of Iowa State's faculty and talked about two aspects. First the

importance of restoring the numbers of faculty and secondly increasing the excellence of the faculty.

President Geoffroy also mentioned that a survey by US News and World Report ranked Iowa State's learning communities program as one of the top five in the country.

He also talked about ISU's budget for FY 03 stating that he thought it was stable at this time. He stated that FY 04 is still very uncertain at this time. President Geoffroy stated that he has created a new committee entitled the President's Advisory Committee on Budget and Planning. Half the representation on the committee is faculty members but also includes P&S, staff, students and administrators.

B. Michael Mendelson, ISUComm

Michael Mendelson, ISUComm, presented the Faculty Senate with an update of ISUComm's activities for the past year.

III. Substitute members were introduced.

IV. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was moved for approval and was approved by voice vote.

V. Announcements and Remarks

A. President Max Wortman

President Wortman asked senators to check the council/committee roster that was distributed to make sure they were placed correctly on the lists. He also asked council/committee chairs to check and make sure their member's names were listed correctly. He stated that he is working very closely with President Geoffroy in nominating faculty to serve on university-wide committees. He stated that there are two committees now which he will be submitting names to President Geoffroy for: The Americans for Disabilities Committee and the Task Force on Changing the University Calendar. He asked anyone interested in serving on these committees to please let him know.

B. President-Elect Jack Girton

President-Elect Girton stated the Greenlee School Task Force, which he chaired, has now completed its investigation and prepared a report. The report can be viewed on the Faculty Senate website.

President-Elect Girton stated that a task force will be formed to look into departmental reorganizations. This task force will decide how much involvement the Faculty Senate should have in the reorganization of departments.

C. Provost Ben Allen

Provost Allen stated that there are four issues the Provost Office will give special attention to this year. They are: 1) the implementation of the faculty conduct policy; 2) budget planning and development process; 3) recruiting and retention; and 4) continue to improve turn around time at the Provost Office.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

A. A motion on the new SPAM software system - [S02-7]

The following motion was approved by a voice vote:

Whereas AIT initiated spam filtering for all Iowa State University email on October 1, with the approach being to rate each message on a number of features commonly associated with spam and altering the message's subject line to reflect that rating.

Whereas the method currently implemented erroneously flags very large numbers of legitimate messages, while also missing a substantial fraction of actual spam emails.

Whereas this results in confusion for the users, the potential to erase legitimate mail and the need to manually clean up many messages before they can be forwarded.

The Faculty Senate recommends that the current spam filtering method be stopped as soon as feasible. It should either be replaced by a system that used a more effective rating algorithm, or one in which the flagging of suspicious email can be configured by the individual user.

APPROVED

B. Resolution on the privacy of Social Security numbers - [S02-8]

The following resolution was approved by the Faculty Senate:

To prevent fraudulent use of employees' personal information, the University administration should take all feasible steps to reduce or eliminate the use of social security numbers for the purpose of identifying university employees to groups outside the University.

APPROVED

C. Motion on potential ISU Presidential nominations - [S02-9]

The Faculty Senate voted to suspend rules and vote on the following motion this month. The following motion was approved with a friendly amendment:

The Governance Council moves that when the university president requests faculty senate president nominations to University committees, the Faculty Senate President may canvas the entire faculty for expertise and interest.

APPROVED

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.