

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 14, 2003
7:30 – 9:00 P.M.
The Gateway Hotel, Garden Room**

I. Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate President, Jack Girton, called the meeting at Gateway Center, Garden Room, to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: S. Agarwal; M. Al-Kaisi; D. Anderson; C. Baldwin; D. Carter-Lewis; T. Chacko; M. Chen; E. Cooper; B. Coree; S. Crase; F. Dark; C. Drewes; C. Fehr; A.M. Fiore; C. Ford; S. Freeman; S. Gilmore; J. Girton; R. Gregorac; B. Hand; C. Heising; P. Hoffman; W. Huffman; H. Ilahiane; K. Jolls; D. Jones; P. Korsching; R. Kottman; J. Lamont; S. Larson; G. Leavens; R. Lowery; S. Madon; C. Martin; P. Martin; G. Mattson; J. Maves; B. Mennecke; M. Mook; D. Morrical; A. Murdoch; F. Nutter; M. Olsen; M. Owen; G. Palermo; G. Phye; C. Post; P. Premkumar; B. Robinson; R. Rosenbusch; D. Russell; J. Sawyer; K. Schilling; J. Schuh; D. Simonson; P. Spike; L. Stephens; S. Sundararajan; W. Tavanapong; E. Thacker; S. Tim; W. Trahanovsky; D. Vrchota; J. Wong; B. Woodman; M. Wortman; B. Yang; T. Zanish-Belcher

Absent: D. Bazylinski; C. Fritz; J. Geske; J. Riach; D. Smith; J. Thompson; J. Tollefson; H. van Leeuwen; P. Wray;

Substitutes: M.L. Damhort for S. Gilmore; R.Griffith for M. Holland; C. Woods for S. Russell; M. Engler for G. Hightshoe; M. Selby for I. Anderson; T. Bailey for J. Opsomer

Guests: B. Allen, Provost; S. Carlson, Provost Office; A. Hallam, Chair, Calendar Committee; M. Porter, Parliamentarian; B. van Beek, P & S Council

II. Consent Agenda – 7.35 p.m.

- A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, September 9, 2003 [S03/M/01]**
- B. Agenda for October 14, 2003 – [S03/A/02]**
- C. Calendar – [S03/C/02]**
- D. Handbook Update**

The Handbook Committee accepted the clarifying revisions.

G. Palermo moved and was seconded by M. Mook. The consent agenda was approved.

III. Announcements and Remarks – 7:45 p.m.

- A. Faculty Senate President**

5/05/02 Faculty Senate Meeting

1. Budget Update: There will be a cut of 5.8 million, out of the current year budget. There will be an emergency meeting of the budget committee. The Provost will work with the RPA. Chair Woodman spoke about the revised membership (coming from the Caucus Chairs). This will be a working committee. There will be detail work, possibly confidential. Those interested need to talk to their chairs—a possible step toward shared governance.

Provost Allen noted this is a very important Council.

2. P&T discussion
Department reorganization
Reorganization of Senate Committees

These were deferred.

B. Faculty Senate President-elect

S. Agarwal reported on the planning for the Spring Conference 2004, which will focus on preparing for the Strategic Plan. The Planning Committee is composed of the Caucus Chairs.

The issue of the Senate meeting time was discussed, and the possibility of moving to the daytime (3:30—Tuesdays). This emphasizes the Senate as university business, but also will potentially conflict with teaching/other responsibilities.

There were several comments by Senators, noting it would be more family friendly. By a show of hands, 58 showed interest in moving it to the day as opposed to 17 staying with the evening time.

C. Provost

There were no announcements.

IV. Old Business – 8:00 p.m.

The Senate then moved onto the discussion of the 2 proposed university calendars. A. Hallam, Chair of the Calendar Committee led an overview of calendar changes through the years, a comparison of the 2 options, and discussed their relative strengths and weaknesses.

The Senators raised the following issues between the 2 calendar options:

Shortened semester may indicate faculty are working less, and also require course content to be reduced. G. Palermo noted adding 5 minutes to class time does not compensate for the loss of a week of class time.

Longer class periods and a later end to class (5:30 p.m.) could impact on recreation, athletics, intramurals, clubs, work, and children's activities.

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The January short term does offer the opportunity for travel courses, specialized courses, refresher courses, training courses and additional courses to graduate. There could possibly be residence hall/Greek problems over the breaks as well as compensation issues. Several Senators asked about the limit of 10 days and the possible expansion into winter break. Hallam responded that the semester needed to be started after New Year's and end prior to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

It was agreed that partial weeks cause problems in any calendars.

Alternatives were discussed, such as dropping fall break, starting spring semester on Tuesday, reducing fall break to one day, or reducing Thanksgiving break to 2 days.

Questions from the audience, is there scope for change? Hallam responded, we can accept certain calendars, but some changes can be recommended. The Senate will vote at its next meeting, and the President will make the decision based on the input he has received.

Will there be expectations of faculty teaching over J term? Hallam responded, these are usually courses that faculty want to teach.

The possibility of energy savings and the impact on buildings and classrooms was briefly discussed. It was noted there are more savings on air conditioning in August (\$100,000).

W. Trahanovsky noted that Chemistry supports Calendar A. It was also noted that Electrical and Computer Engineering operates around its once a week classes—adding breaks will screw this up. How does this impact on Engineering's efforts at becoming a top 20 program?

G. Palermo noted that classes should be based on content, as opposed to time.

VI. New Business – 8:50 p.m.

VII. Good of the Order – 8:50

VII. Adjournment – 9:00 p.m.

There was no other new business and the Senate adjourned at 9 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING
FACULTY SENATE
THE GATEWAY HOTEL
NOVEMBER 11, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.**