

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2003
7:30 – 9:00 P.M.
The Gateway Hotel, Prairie Room**

I. Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.
A. Seating of substitute Senators

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; D. Carter-Lewis; T. Chacko; E. Cooper; B. Coree; S. Crase; F. Dark; C. Fehr; S. Freeman; S. Gilmore; J. Girton; B. Hand; C. Heising; P. Hoffman; M. Holland; W. Huffman; H. K. Jolls; P. Korsching; R. Kottman; J. Lamont; S. Larson; G. Leavens; R. Lowery; S. Madon; C. Martin; P. Martin; J. Maves; A. Mitra; M. Mook; A. Murdoch; M. Olsen; G. Palermo; G. Phye; C. Post; P. Premkumar; B. Robinson; R. Rosenbusch; D. Russell; S. Russell; J. Sawyer; K. Schilling; J. Schuh; D. Simonson; L. Stephens; S. Sundararajan; W. Tavanapong; J. Thompson; J. Tollefson; H. van Leeuwen; D. Vrchota; J. Wong; B. Woodman; M. Wortman; P. Wray; T. Zanish-Belcher

Absent: I. Anderson; C. Baldwin; D. Bazylinski; M. Chen; C. Drewes; A.M. Fiore; C. Ford; C. Fritz; R. Gregorac; Ilahiane; D. Jones; G. Mattson; B. Mennecke; D. Morrival; D. Smith; P. Spike; E. Thacker; B. Yang;

Substitutes: M. Engler for G. Hightshoe; J. Cunnally for A. Kyber; E. Braun for F. Nutter; T. Bailey for J. Opsomer; P. Pedersen for M. Owen; A. Kaleita for S. Tim; K. Woo for W. Trahanovsky;

Guests: S. Carlson, Provost Office; Jim Hutter; D.K. Finnemore; Kevin Kane, P & S Council

II. Consent Agenda – 7:35 p.m.
A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, October 14, 2003 - [S03/M/02]
B. Agenda for November 11, 2003 – [S03/A/03]
C. Calendar – [S03/C/03]

Palermo moved and Rosenbusch seconded, and the consent agenda was passed.

III. Announcements and Remarks – 7:40 p.m.
A. Faculty Senate President

The President of Faculty Senate will be elected in January, and nomination forms have been included with the agenda.

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There will be a Giving Tree in the Senate Office and all are encouraged to participate.

Budget: Where do we go from here?

The RPA is up and running and the group will focus on dealing with budget realities. Everything depends on what kind of institution that ISU would like to be. The faculty must have input into where ISU is going and determine our academic priorities. Dec. 12 is deadline for current budget cuts, and planning is underway for next year.

B. Faculty Senate President-elect

New Meeting Times

S. Agarwal noted a new meeting time for the Faculty Senate for the academic year, 2004-2005. The Senate will meet on Tuesday afternoons, 3:30-5, in the Sun Room on the following dates:

September 7

October 12

November 9

December 7

January 18

February 8

March 8

April 12

April 26

Spring Conference 04

The planning work for the Spring Conference has begun.

C. Provost

There was no report from the Provost Office. (Provost Allen is attending the Board of Regents meeting)

**IV. Old Business – 8:00 p.m.
University calendar – [S03-3]**

Girton noted the Faculty Senate has received the following written comments:

The Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee opposes B

The Dept. of Chemistry opposes B

The Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition vote in favor of B

The Senate then began its discussion and vote on a recommendation for calendar option A or B.

Jim Hutter from LAS is recognized- and gave a short presentation on the history of the calendar issue, noting that the Senate passed Calendar Resolution S01-33 (April 2002) that called for an additional week to be added to the current 3 week winter break.

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He does not feel that the Senate wants either choice of A or B, and also believes it is the responsibility of the faculty to determine the calendar.

The discussion then turned to retaining a 15 week semester (Calendar A) with spring semester starting one week later (adding the week to the winter break). Girton noted this is the current calendar of the University of Iowa, and it was also noted there would still be the possibility of a J term.

Agarwal noted many prefer B, and made a motion that if the Senate rejects B, we propose the President consider adopting A, and adding the one week to winter break. This motion was not seconded.

The discussion then focused on the various faculty votes in the departments and it was agreed that the Senate should vote to accept Calendar B or reject it. By a hand vote, 23 voted to accept Calendar B, and 41 to reject it, so therefore Calendar B was rejected.

Woodman moved, and it was seconded that the Senate vote for a recommendation of A or D (or modified A), with the understanding that if we approve, then we need to decide between A v. D (modified A) By a hand vote 47 voted to accept A (or modified A), and 22 rejected it. The Senate then moved on to a modified A.

A motion was then made to approve unmodified option A, seconded. The hand vote was 27 for A, and 33 rejecting it, therefore the unmodified Calendar A was rejected.

It was moved that the Senate vote on recommending a modified Option A amended for the winter break set back a week. Seconded. (In the spirit of the previous resolution voted on by the Senate in April 2002). By a hand vote, 57 approved, and 13 rejected, so the Senate will recommend a modified Calendar A to President Geoffroy.

A major point of discussion was the President only offered the Calendar A and B options, and may not accept our recommendation. So, a motion was made to conduct a final vote on Calendar A v. Calendar B. By a hand vote, 28 were for A, 19 voted for B, and there were 17 abstentions by individuals who felt the issue had already been decided.

The Faculty Senate will recommend the modified Calendar A, but will also send all of the vote counts to President Geoffroy.

Sanjeev moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

V. New Business – 8:30 p.m.

A. Policy on reorganization of academic units – [S03-4]

Girton introduced the policy on the reorganization and briefly went over the history of the proposal, and the flow chart, which includes discussion, planning and review. Girton emphasized the need for faculty and administration input. This first draft is for discussion—he is looking for input from the faculty, president and provost.

Questions:

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There was a question concerning the impact on resources. The plan notes the need for this discussion early on in the process.

There was a question concerning How would it travel through Faculty Senate channels, or would it be more than the Academic Affairs Council? Girton noted the Senate would probably create a task force or a council to follow the process. Senate will be asked to vote on the proposal—goes to President and Provost. Girton asked the Senators to bring views of faculty back to the Senate discussion.

He pointed out the budget cuts may require reorganization, and we have no policy in place. He also noted questions to be answered, such as the:

- Role of administration
- What is the role of the faculty in the units
- What is the role of the Faculty Senate

VI. Good of the Order – 8:50

Finally, Girton introduced visitors from the Government for the Student Body (GSB).

Cara Harris, GSB Senator, introduced herself, and is hoping for more communications and an open dialog with the Faculty Senate (and P & S Council) especially in regards to the budget cuts.

Angela Groh, GSB Government Relations, noted that students from ISU Votes will be canvassing classes of more than 100 students, encouraging them to vote.

VII. Adjournment – 9:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING
FACULTY SENATE
THE GATEWAY HOTEL
DECEMBER 9, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.**