

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2003**

I. Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.

A. Seating of substitute Senators

As there was no quorum (44 Senators), the meeting was not called to order.

III. Special Order - Memorial Resolutions – [S03-5]

It was decided to table the resolutions until the next meeting.

IV. Announcements and Remarks – 7:55 p.m.

A. Faculty Senate President

Connie Baldwin will be running for President.

A strategic planning committee is being formed by President Geoffroy.

B. Faculty Senate President-elect

No announcements.

C. Provost

The Provost reported on the Budget. At this point, it appears that FY04 will have 4.2 million in cuts, plans will be incoming from the various departments. For FY05, the revenue estimate for state budgets in today, Dec. 9. He is working with RPA, and also meeting with the Deans

The Provost Office is also working through restructuring, and looking at the Graduate College and VP for Undergraduate Education.

V. Old Business – 8:15 p.m.

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

There was discussion concerning the policy. The three components are discussion, planning, and review. There was a question concerning the possibility of the faculty rejecting the proposal, what would happen? Girton noted this is simply an opportunity for the faculty to present their view (not a veto opportunity).

Mook noted the policy stating the administration initiates the process, shouldn't this come from the faculty? She believes Senate should have more of a formal role. Agarwal noted that policy requires the Senate be notified about the process. The Provost Office does need to see it first, in order to oversee academic and implementation portions.

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Are there other examples of university faculty having input? Using the biology example, Girton pointed out the faculty had been discussing reorganization, but the Deans had to initiate the official training process with a task force involving various colleges and associate deans. Kruempel noted the need for clear titles, so this process is not confused with revision of the curriculum.

A draft policy has been distributed and this policy will be voted on at the January meeting.

Girton noted the timeliness and value of this policy, in light of budget forced reorganization.

V. New Business – 8:45 p.m.

A. Resolution on the implementation of the P&T policy – [S03-7]

There was a brief discussion concerning this resolution. Robinson opposes the motion due to the amount of work for the departments and sees the Promotion & Tenure requirement obviously focusing on publications (should be a majority (substantially), others are “supporting,”) sees tension between this and the various appointments of faculty. The Senate should look at this instead.

Girton says this is not the Senate’s job, and disciplines and departments are different. At this point, the policy is being worked out on the bodies of assistant professors. Woodman said many things constitute scholarship—such as course design, etc. as opposed to numbers of publications.

Girton noted that Promotion & Tenure starts in the departments, it’s important to know what we are all doing.

The group adjourned at 8:45.

<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING FACULTY SENATE THE GATEWAY HOTEL JANUARY 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.</p>
