

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 2004**

**Attendance:** Agarwal, S; Alekel, D. L.; Al-Khaisi, M.; Anderson, D.; Bailey, T.; Baldwin, C.; Beetham, J.; Bradbury, S.; Butler, L.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Crase, S.; Engler, M.; Fehr, C.; Fiore, A.M.; Gilmore, S.; Girton, J.; Gregorac, R.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Haynes, J.; Heising, C.; Holland, M.; Hoffman, P.; Huffman, W.; Jolls, K.; Kottman, R.; Kyber, A.; Laanan, F.S.; Leavens, G.; Martin, P.; Maves, J.; Mennecke, B.; Mitar, A.; Mook, M.; Murdoch, A.; Olsen, M.; Palermo, G.; Phye, G.; Robinson, B.; Rosenbusch, R.; Roskey, C.; Russell, D.; Russell, S.; Schilling, K.; Smith, D.; Stone, R.; Sundararajan, S.; Thompson, J.; Tim, S.; Townsend, A.; Trahanovsky, W.; Van Der Valk, A.; VanDerZanden, A.M.; van Leeuwen, H.; Vrchota, D.; Wong, J.; Woodman, B.; Wray, P.; Yang, B.; Zinish-Belcher, T.

Absent: Bruna, K.R.; Chacko, T.; Chang, M.; Chen, M.; Cooper, E.; Coree, B.; Dark, F.; Hand, B.; Hargrove, M.; Kline, K.; Larson, S.; Mack, B.; Martin, C.; Morriscal, D.; Natrajan, B.; Sawyer, J.; Tavanapong, W.;

Substitutes: M. Selby for D. Cann; M. Poloski for R. Lowry; K. Hanisch for S. Madon; L. Burras for A. Manu; D. Roberts for C. Post; R.W. Griffith for E. Thacker;

Guests: B. Allen (Provost); S. Carlson (Provost's Office); D. Holger (Provost's Office); M. Porter (Parliamentarian); K. Kane (P & S Council); L. Charles (University Relations); ISU Daily; ISU Comm

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**I. Call to Order – 3:30 p.m.**  
**A. Seating of substitute Senators**

Agarwal called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m., and the substitute Senators were seated.

**II. Consent Agenda – 3:35 p.m.**  
**A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, November 9, 2004 - [S04/M/03]**  
**B. Agenda for December 7, 2004 – [S04/A/04]**  
**C. Handbook Language—Policy for Academic Reorganization – [S04-6]**  
**D. Calendar – [S04/C/04]**

Girton moved and Heising seconded, and the consent agenda was approved.

**III. Announcements and Remarks – 3:40 p.m.**  
**A. Faculty Senate President**

Agarwal made the following announcements:

- He reminded the Senators about the giving tree in the Senate office.
- There will be a holiday reception at the Knoll on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

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- He recognized the contribution of Ken Jolls to the new stamp for the Postal Service.
- The Board of Regents will meet next week on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Ames.
- Honorary degrees are being solicited, and the deadline is Jan. 15
- President-Elect elections will take place at the January meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

**B. Faculty Senate President-elect**

There were no remarks from the President-Elect.

**B. Provost**

The Provost thanked the Senators for serving on the Faculty Senate. He also acknowledged his support of the combination proposal to be considered by the Senate.

**IV. Old Business – 3:50 p.m.**

**A. ISUComm Motion 2 (Academic Affairs Council) – [S04-2]**

The following motion in regards to ISU Comm remained on the floor:

“2) Approval of the proposed Catalog Language that incorporates existing ISU Senate Basic Principles regarding communication proficiency and Non-Native Speakers provisions, and new language describing the ISU Comm curricular plan.”

The language was edited by the Curriculum Committee with the ISUComm folks and reflects the approved plan. The language incorporates the key concepts of ISU Comm, and also notes departmental responsibility for its own majors.

The motion passed.

**B. Proposal for the combination of the Colleges of FCS and Education – [S04-4]**

Agarwal presented the following motion for consideration:

“That the Faculty Senate submit the proposal to combine the Colleges of Education and Family and Consumer Sciences to President Geoffroy.”

Girton moved, Woodman seconded, and the Senate went into a Committee of the whole to consider and discuss the plan.

The two items to be discussed: Do we approve of the merger itself? Do we approve the proposed name for the combined college?

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Woodman moved that we consider the second question first. Dark seconded. The motion passed.

Carlson was asked to provide background of the proposed name. She described the background, and the memo from the Planning Committee in response to the concerns raised by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. It appears that the name comes from a developing consensus within the 2 colleges. Based on its national use, the planning committee found the name compelling.

P. White spoke as interim Dean of FCS. She responded to document provided by Woodman focusing on comparison names at Peer 11. She pointed out that we also need to look at universities focusing on research and cited Colorado State, Florida State University (where Human Sciences is a quite inclusive term). She noted that the Peer 11 institutions do not have combined colleges.

She stated that the definition of Human Sciences, based on these types of institutions, are comprised of units focusing on nutrition and health, food sciences, human development, textiles, education and physical fitness.

Fiore also responded and described what was involved with the development of the name choice. The planning committee and the faculty felt a need to have a name focusing on collaboration and innovation, and they believe that Human Sciences represents that. They do not want a combination of the two college names.

Roskey emphasized the faculty vote in regards to the name. She also noted that name does not reflect that only they focus on Human Sciences.

Russell also spoke in support of the name and feels that it is descriptive of the college. He also believes in ownership of the name by the faculty.

Van Der Valk still feels that name has implications outside of the colleges. After doing a search of Google using the term Human Sciences, he found 3 uses of the term. The social sciences were #1 in using this term. Medical schools were second, and Family and Consumer Sciences was last. He also noted this name doesn't capture the Education component of the College. It is an inappropriate name.

Alekel in Human Nutrition made these points in response: medical research does happen in both of the colleges; and the social sciences also occur.

Lewis questioned how the name reflects the College of Education.

Fiore responded that Education voted to accept this name of Human Sciences.

Holland noted her unscientific survey of high school students. The majority of them would look at the colleges, but they are especially interested in the departments where they would major. Departmental names were more of an issue.

Huffman felt that the term Human Sciences doesn't address the level of science as in the Colleges it is more applied science.

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The Committee of the Whole then held a voice vote, which resulted in 34 to 31 in favor of the name. The Senate started a recount, but the President decided to hold a vote using paper ballots. Paper ballots were collected and the final count was 37 no, 31 yes, and 1 abstention.

The Senate then moved on to the next part of the proposal.

Woodman suggested that since the vote was so close, then the Senate should vote no on the merger.

Agarwal responded that the Committee of the Whole can not consider this, but Senate can.

Another Senator questioned what, if anything, would happen, if the Senate voted down the merger? Girton stated that we are functioning under the new reorganization policy. Our 2 options are to either send the proposal to the President or send it back to the Provost and ask for changes.

Girton stated that we don't need to approve all the points. The Senate can send the report and note we do not like the name, but it is then up to the President as to whether it goes to the Board of Regents.

Phye asked about the Task Force monitoring the process of reorganization. Baldwin briefly reported on the Task Force, and yes, all the parties followed the procedures.

Huffman asked about the advantages to combining the colleges. Carlson noted the enormity of this situation. Faculty, staff, students, and alums have spent a great deal of time focused on these issues. 79% of the faculty in both colleges agreed to the combination. There are many opportunities for collaboration, and monies from the administration will go back into faculty lines and student services. The disciplines go beyond colleges.

Van Der Valk noted he is against the name, not the merger. He then suggested that the motion be tabled.

Girton spoke in favor of the merger. He stated that the planning committee and the colleges have tried to give an expression of what they want for themselves. We should respect their wishes. He then suggested we vote on the process. He does not agree with Van Der Valk, and feels we should vote to approve the reorganization. The Senate can register its concern with the name.

Woodman moved, and it was seconded that we do a paper ballot voting on the first question.

The vote count was 60 in favor and 8 against, and 1 abstention.

Girton moved that the Committee of the Whole arise and report on the discussion so we can now vote on the original motion. Kyber seconded, and the motion passed.

Woodman said including our opinion as to the name is of no consequence if we approve the motion. He recommended voting no and sending back to the Provost.

Van Der Valk moved to table the motion. He suggested a committee be formed to study alternative names with members from the Faculty Senate, the Planning Committee and the university

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administration. Woodman seconded. After a divided voice vote, the Senate held a hand vote: the motion failed.

Girton again entreated the Senate to approve the motion and send it to the President.

Fehr asked why the motion is together, as opposed to considering them separately. Girton responded that we need to follow our policy, which mandates we have to pass the proposal as a whole.

Holland moved and Girton seconded to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

The Senate went to paper ballot to vote on the motion.

Woodman tried to move to table the vote till the next meeting, but the Parliamentarian ruled him out of order as the vote was already commencing.

While the vote was being counted, the Senate moved on to consider new business.

**V. New Business – 4:20 p.m.**

**A. Curriculum and Catalog Changes (Academic Affairs Council)**

**a) Curriculum and Catalog changes identified in the summary reports – [S04-7]**

Short reports of the changes are attached in a file. The complete versions of the reports are available at: <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~catalog/fsc/catalogedits.html>

**b) Vet Med revised academic standards – [S04-8]**

**c) Name change for Chem E to Chemical and Biological Engineering – [S04-9]**

**d) Discontinuation of BS in Applied Physics – [S04-10]**

Agarwal made a motion to consider these changes and the graduation list at this meeting, and to also vote on them as well. This is an exception, but allowable by the Faculty Senate by-laws. Baldwin moved, Phye seconded, and the motion passed.

Palermo, Chair of the Academic Affairs Council presented the changes. All appear as the policy of the university and appear in the catalog. He also referred to the 14 page report which described progress in academic plans, programs initiated, changes in names and departments, courses added and deleted, which was sent to the Senators electronically last week.

The motion was passed.

**B. Graduation List – [S04-11]**

<http://www.iastate.edu/~registrar/graduation/lists/f04tentative.xls>

For security purposes, this is a restricted link so this file can be downloaded only from ISU computers.

The Senate President also presented the graduation list, which was approved by the Senate.

He then reported on the results of the paper ballot.

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There were 33 votes for the merger, and 33 votes against, with 1 abstention. As Faculty Senate President, Agarwal voted to break the tie. Thus, the motion passed with a vote of 34 to 33.

**C. Strategic Plan – [S04-5]**

Finally, the strategic plan was presented to the Faculty Senate for its consideration.

Gregorac asked why Iowa State University of Science and Technology (our official name) does not appear in the document. The Provost agreed that it should appear.

**VII. Good of the Order – 4:55**

**VIII. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

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