

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES  
September 13, 2005**

Attendance: Alekel, D. L.; Anderson, P.; Bado-Fralick, N.; Bailey, T.; Baldwin, C.; Beetham, J.; Bracha, V.; Bradbury, S.; Braun, E.; Butler, L.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Cooper, E.; Courteau, J.; Crase, S.; Dark, F.; Day, T.; Fiore, A.M.; Ghandour, M.; Girton, J.; Gregorac, R.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Hargrove, M.; Heising, C.; Jolls, K.; Kurtenbach, J.; Laanan, F.S.; Larson, S.; Mansbach, Richard; Martin, C.; Mayfield, J.; Mennecke, B.; Murdoch, A.; Pruetz, J.; Nutter, F.; Olsen, M.; Owen, M.; Palermo, G.; Paschke, T.; Phye, G.; Porter, M.; Post, C.; Robinson, B.; Rosenbusch, R.; Roskey, C.; Rule, L.; Sadosky, L.; Sawyer, J.; Selby, M.; Sundararajan, S.; Thacker, E.; Thompson, J.; Tim, S.; Townsend, A.; Trahanovsky, W.; Van Der Valk, A.; van Leeuwen, H.; Vrchota, D.; Wallace, R.; Wong, J.; Woodman, B.; Zanish-Belcher, T.

Absent: Agarwal, S.; Cai, Y.; Chacko, T.; Chang, M.; Chen, M.; Engler, M.; Haynes, J.; Kline, K.; Manu, A.; Mitra, A.; Russell, S.; Stone, R.; VanDerZanden, M.; Yang, B.

Substitutes: W. Huffman for B. Babcock; K. deLaplante for C. Fehr

Guests: B. Allen (Provost); B. Dillon (Ames Tribune); E. Arentson (GSB); H. Babka (GPSS); S. Carlson (Provost's Office); D. Holger (Provost's Office); K. Kruempel (Curriculum Committee); F. Maistrovich (ISU Daily); J. Schroeter (Curriculum Committee).

**I. Call to Order – 3:30 p.m.**

**A. Seating of Substitute Senators**

President Baldwin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and the substitute Senators were seated.

Baldwin introduced the Senate's Executive Board, Senate Officers, members of the Provost's Office, and the Senate's Office Secretary, Max Porter as Parliamentarian, the Senate's GSB representative and members of the press

**II. Consent Agenda – 3:32 p.m.**

**A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, April 26, 2005 - [S04/M/10]**

**B. Agenda for September 13, 2005 – [S05/A/1]**

**C. Calendar – [S05/C/1]**

**D. Ratification of Executive Board actions of Summer, 2005**

- 1. Naming the Chemistry Help Center the “Martha E. Russell Undergraduate Chemistry Help Center” – [S05-1]**
- 2. Graduation List, Summer 2005 - [S05-02]**

Palermo moved, Robinson seconded, and the consent agenda was approved.

**III. Announcements and Remarks – 3:35 p.m.**

**A. Faculty Senate President**

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Baldwin reported on the status of the Ombudsperson Office (S02-43) Policy. The committee hopes to complete this soon and present it to President Geoffroy. The Faculty Senate will have the opportunity to react.

Part-time Promotion and Tenure Track: The draft policy will come through the Executive Board to the Senate.

The Senate webpage is currently being revised.

Baldwin asked that Senate members go to the website and send comments in regards to the draft Social Security Number Protection Policy (S02-08). The draft policy has already been endorsed by the P & S Council, and the Senate will need to respond as well. Comments can be sent through Sept. 30.

### **B. Faculty Senate President-elect**

President-Elect Palermo reported that he is coordinating the work of the Committee on Committees. Initial planning for the Spring Conference has also begun.

### **C. Provost**

Provost Allen announced the following issues for the year:

1. Key academic appointments
  - a. VP for Extension: there will be October interviews
  - b. Dean of Agriculture: there will be interviews after Thanksgiving
2. Reaccreditation process

There will be 2 open forums to provide feedback Oct. 6 and 7 and the review team will visit in March 2006.
3. Information Technology issues

There will be a focus on better connections and a possible ICN partnership. He recognizes that data intensive research and high performance computing are both issues for faculty.
4. Finalize metrics for the strategic plan
5. Finalize the best practices for the promotion and tenure process
6. Budget
7. Part-time tenure policy will be developed, based in part on work of the spring conference

## **IV. Old Business – 4:00 p.m.**

### **A. Distinguished & University Professor — Governance Council – [S04-16]**

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The revised policies for the Distinguished and University Professor Awards are being presented by the Governance Council. The Governance Council was charged with taking the handbook language and revising the descriptions as well as clarifying the language.

Palermo moved that each portion of the proposal be considered separately, and Roskey seconded to separate the two in discussion.

The motion passed.

Palermo moved to strike research and/or creative activities and replace with scholarship for Distinguished Professor. Carol Roskey seconded the motion

Huffman spoke against this motion. Scholarship already dominates the various faculty ranks. He noted that this is an award, as opposed to a rank. He does not think that the language should be changed.

Palermo responded. He feels that the "Distinguished" title is a different designation in regards to the institution and no one should be barred from this title.

Madon asked Palermo on what basis this decision might be made. What documentation of that work would exist?

Palermo stated that there may be fundamental changes in Extension/other fields where there may not be actual publications. These achievements would have to fit the shoe of research.

Gregorac asked if there were faculty appointed to Extension. Palermo noted there are certainly faculty with Extension responsibilities.

Vrchota asked how the two would be differentiated, if you give the Distinguished Professor award to folks who impact the university?

Palermo noted that the scholarship would make the difference.

Sadosky stated his concern that this moves us into more exclusive language. A narrow definition of scholarship may be followed, narrowing who might be eligible.

Palermo feels that the term scholarship will remain broadly conceived.

Porter suggested changing the language to note a "higher level of scholarship that is often overlooked--"scholarship of application of research."

Palermo felt this change would leave out basic research.

Palermo's motion failed.

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The Senate then returned to its discussion of the original revised document as pertaining to Distinguished Professor.

Huffman does not feel that the 5 year requirement should be dropped. They should do their primary work at ISU.

Huffman moved to include the 5 years, Woodman seconded.

Ghandour feels the award is for distinguished work in a profession, not ISU

Bailey asked if folks would be offered a Distinguished Professorship as a recruiting tool?

The Provost responded: no

The motion to retain the 5 year requirement carried.

The Senate continued on to discussion in regards to the University Professor.

Palermo moved changing the language “outstanding” to “sustained.”

Woodman opposed.

T. Keller, Chair of University Professor Committee noted that the committee has not reached consensus. Their main concern is that the University Professorship is not a stepping stone to a Distinguished Professorship. The Committee also feels that the term “change agent” should be moved in front of significant impact in the wording.

Baldwin asked if Keller had any comments about the specific amendment to change outstanding to sustained?

Roskey then seconded Palermo’s motion.

Madon asked about sustained poor performance?

The motion to change the wording of outstanding to sustained failed.

Vrchota reintroduced the original motion as submitted by the Governance Council.

Keller stated that the Senate still needs to determine whether the change agent is the key issue or not.

Woodman moved, Girton seconded the motion to invert the order of the language for University Professor.

Woodman also feels we should reverse the language to read university, college, and department. He made this motion, and Courteau seconded it.

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The second was accepted as a friendly amendment, but Baldwin noted that a vote on the first change is required.

Heising asked why departments and colleges are even listed? There is a lot of confusion on campus about this issue. She thought it was supposed to be institutional change agent at the university level.

Vrchota came back with examples of college/departmental level by faculty.

The motion carried to invert the order of the language passed.

Woodman moved to delete the last part of the line about contributions that improve the quality of the university. Palermo seconded and suggested adding “through their institutional service.” Woodman considered this a friendly amendment.

The motion carries and the wording “through their institutional service,” was added.

Porter asked about the status of being a University Professor and Distinguished Professor at the same time?

Vrchota thought this language had been removed.

Mayfield suggested examining the eligibility paragraph. It unfairly restricts administrators for 3 years.

Gregorac raised the issue of the name. Is there another name so it will be recognized outside the university? He suggested Institutional Professorship.

Huffman noted the 3 year requirement. Could it be used as a reward for easing someone out of an administrative position?

Vrchota: the Governance Council is satisfied with the revisions.

Roskey called for the question.

The motion is to accept the proposed language with changes accepted above.

The motion passed.

**B. US Diversity & International Requirement — Academic Affairs Council – [S04-24]**

Palermo moved to extend the Senate meeting, Rosenbush seconded, and the meeting was extended by 15 minutes. The motion carried.

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Roskey, as Chair of the Academic Affairs Council, reported on the requirement which is to strengthen diversity offerings with a focus on learning outcomes. Basically, the courses are to be reviewed, and the new courses will follow a new procedure. She pointed out the following:

The Senate Curriculum Committee will not oversee the courses, they will go through the departments and colleges. The Senate Committee will maintain oversight and a list. A full academic year be allowed for implementation.

Heising moved, Crase seconded to call for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

**V. New Business – 4:30 p.m.**

**A. Name Change: Foreign Languages & Literates to World Languages and Cultures – [S05-3]**

Dawn Bratsch-Prince, chair of the Department, spoke briefly about the proposed change and went over the rationale. Overall, this proposal reflects changes in the profession and other institutions. In particular, this will impact on the Department's recruiting efforts.

Mayfield spoke in response. He feels that this is a first step in a merger with the Anthropology Department. He would recommend that College of LAS speak on this.

Prietz introduced Ilihiiane who spoke on behalf of some of the Anthropology faculty. They take particular issue with the proposed departmental title, especially the word culture. They also do feel that the word foreign should be an issue and we should not compare ourselves with other universities. They also wonder about the perspective of the Sociology and History Departments. They do not feel that the Foreign Languages Department has discussed fully with Anthropology. This should be seriously discussed in the department.

Bratsch-Prince pointed out that the university has no written guidelines to follow when a departmental name change is proposed.

**VI. Good of the Order – 4:40 p.m.**

**VII. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.