

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2005**

Attendance: Agarwal, S.; Alekel, D. L.; Anderson, P.; Bado-Fralick, N.; Bailey, T.; Baldwin, C.; Beetham, J.; Bradbury, S.; Braun, E.; Butler, L.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Chacko, T.; Chang, M.; Crase, S.; Dark, F.; Day, T.; Fiore, A.M.; Girton, J.; Gregorac, R.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Hargrove, M.; Haynes, J.; Heising, C.; Hoffman, P.; Jolls, K.; Kurtenbach, J.; Laanan, F.S; Madon, S.; Manu, A.; Martin, C.; Mayfield, J.; Mennecke, B.; Mitra, A.; Murdoch, A.; Nutter, F.; Palermo, G.; Paschke, T.; Porter, M.; Post, C.; Pruetz, J.; Robinson, B.; Roskey, C.; Rule, L.; Russell, D.; Sadosky, L.; Selby, M.; Thacker, E.; Thompson, J.; Tim, S.; Townsend, A.; Van Der Valk, A.; van Leeuwen, H.; Vrchota, D.; Wallace, R.; Wong, J.; Woodman, B.; Zanish-Belcher, T.

Absent: Bracha, V.; Chen, M.; Cooper, E.; Fehr, C.; Kline, K.; Larson, S.; Mack, B.; Olsen, M.; Phye, G.; Russell, S.; Sawyer, J.; Stone, R.; Sundararajan, S.; Yang, B.

Substitutes: W. Zhang for Y. Cai; M. Rectanus for J. Courteau; J. Maves for M. Ghandour; C. Ball for R. Mansbach; R. Elmore for M. Owen; T. Greenbowe for W. Trahanovsky

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

The substitute Senators were seated.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:32 p.m.
A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, September 13, 2005 - [S05/M/1]
B. Agenda for October 18, 2005 – [S05/A/2]
C. Calendar – [S05/C/2]

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

III. Announcements and Remarks – 3:35 p.m.
A. Faculty Senate President

The Social Security policy has been presented by the University. The Faculty Senate has examined this policy and submitted comments. This has been sent on to the President and was approved by the President's Cabinet.

The Task Force to Review the ISU Promotion & Tenure Procedures is continuing its work.

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The Task Force is examining what is going on in the different departments and hopes to develop a best practices document. Their report is due April 2006, and they will also provide an update by end of the semester.

There is also a Task Force (Governance Council) that will examine Governance documents. Max Porter will chair, and they will look at the procedures for evaluation from each of the academic units, departments, and colleges. The Task Force will especially look for any inconsistencies.

Position responsibility statements:

The FDAR Council will examine this issue. Sedahlia Crase is chairing and the work is proceeding

President's Advisory Committee on Budget Priorities and Planning:

The first meeting was held this morning and they will be discussing FY07.

President's Budget Model Development Committee:

Just been formed to look at budget models—more information will be coming out this week. A representative from the Faculty Senate has been appointed: Rick Dark (who is also a member of RPA).

B. Faculty Senate President-elect

Palermo announced the Spring Faculty Conference date has been set for March 24 and 25, 2006. The focus will be on 2010, and they plan to have representatives from colleges and departments.

B. Provost

S. Carlson announced the following updates:

Extension VP:

Candidates to campus before Thanksgiving

Ag Dean:

Candidates on campus before winter break.

Both search committees are on target.

IV. Old Business – 3:45 p.m.

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

Presented last month by the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures. The Provost has asked the Faculty Senate for its recommendation, although this is an administrative change.

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D. Bratsch-Prince:

Gave a brief overview of the proposal and the rationale.

- Language study and culture studies
- National disciplinary transformation

The name change will allow the Department to better respond to students and will also allow the hiring of new faculty with broader and interdisciplinary scholarly interests.

M. Rectanus presented additional information on behalf of the Department:

The words Languages and Cultures reflect what the department is already doing

The majority of classes are not taught in English

The department follows a different methodology than the social sciences

The courses are highly interdisciplinary

The faculty pay particular attention to source materials only available in the language

The department's curriculum contributes to and complements that of other departments/units

There is also a collaborative dimension and the department works on providing second majors to business and engineering majors. There has been increased work with international studies, and the department is open to additional collaboration.

J. Pruetz announced that Anthropology faculty members have met with Foreign Languages faculty, and now support the name change.

Girton moved that a positive recommendation be forwarded to the Provost, and this was seconded. The motion passed.

V. New Business – 4:00 p.m.

Roskey introduced the following proposals, as chair of the Academic Affairs Council:

A. M.S. in Seed Technology and Business – [S05-4]

Roskey introduced this joint proposal between the Colleges of Business and Agriculture.

J. Mayfield asked how the program was going to be administered. Roskey responded that this will be administered by the Seed Center.

K. Kruempel, Chair of the Curriculum Committee noted the course listing was inaccurate, and is being revised prior to the next meeting.

Copies of the full proposals are available on the Faculty Senate website.

C. MFA in Creative Writing and Environment – [S05-5]

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Roskey introduced the MFA proposal, which will consist of a 3 year terminal degree focusing on environment in order to differentiate themselves from UI. This will be 54 hour credit program.

Charlie Kostelnick as chair of the English Dept. spoke in support of the proposal. There is also support from the University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa. This will be highly interdisciplinary. The proposal also reflects the strategic plan (integration of science and the humanities), and will assist in recruiting top-notch graduate students

They hope to launch this program next fall (2006)

S. Bradbury asked if there was enough support from teaching faculty?

S. Pett responded detailing his meeting with the creative writing faculty who are not in support of this proposal. He specifically referred to the concerns articulated by Neal Bowers and Fern Kupfer about not having enough teaching faculty.

Pett feels there is enough faculty. This will be a rare program and very strong. It dovetails with the strengths of the university, and will attract faculty and graduate students

S. Bradbury asked how many faculty?

Pett: There are 6 faculty who are willing to participate.

Gregorac asked for a definition of creative writing (Propaganda?).—crisis facing the environment. Meditative as opposed to nature writing. Will include fiction and poetry, as well as non-fiction.

Engler asked about the difference between the terms environment and environmental.

Pett and Marquart noted that the original proposal was titled creative writing/environmental imagination.

Grudens-Shuck noted the potential benefits for students in Agriculture.

S. Bradbury commented that the College of Design might be interested in participating.

W. Robinson asked about the costs for prospective students who might not be interested in environment, per se. Would they be able to do this in the current degree program? He feels that it is very narrowed and focused.

Pett responded no.

Marquardt: students will have many options, including internships, etc.; will not be limited.

S. Crase: supports the proposal

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C. Martin: how many students will go through this program?

Pett and Marquart estimate the number to range from the 20s to the 30s.

L. Sadosky: referred back to the historical background of this type of writing: Bartram, Leopold, Thoreau, Carson. He feels this is appropriate.

Roskey asked for input from the Provost. While the Faculty Senate can make recommendations in regards to content, it is the Provost who will determine the final allocation of costs and resources.

The Provost commented that the budgets need to be discussed in the College in collaboration with the Provost's Office. Otherwise there may be issues when presenting it to the Board of Regents.

C. Digital Media Minor in Design – [S05-6]

This minor will be restricted to students in Design due to the potentially large number of students. The current catalog states that all students can take minors anywhere. Also not true in Engineering. The Academic Affairs Council will work on revising this language.

Ken Kruempel noted that all proposals for new majors, revisions, discontinuations need to be approved by the College by mid-February.

VI. Good of the Order – 4:40 p.m.

VII. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The Secretary fainted from shock.