

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2006: 3:35 – 5:00 P.M.  
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION**

Present: Anderson, D; Anderson, P; Bado-Fralick, N.; Bailey, T.; Baldwin, C.; Beetham, J.; Bradbury, S.; Braun, E.; Butler, L.; Cai, Y.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Courteau, J.; Crase, S.; Cross, S.; Fehr, C.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Ghandour, M.; Girton, J.; Gregorac, R.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Haynes, J.; Heising, C.; Hendrich, S.; Jeffrey, C.; Jolls, K.; Kline, K.; Luecke, G.; Madon, S.; Mayfield, J.; Mennecke, B.; Murdoch, A.; Nutter, F.; Olsen, M.; Palermo, G.; Porter, M.; Post, C.; Pruetz, J.; Rosenbusch, R.; Selby, M.; Thompson, J.; Torrie, M.; Townsend, A.; Trahanovsky, W.; VanDerValk, A.; VanDerZanden, A.M.; Wallace, R.; Zanish-Belcher, T.

Absent: Babcock, B.; Beell, T.; Bracha, V.; Chacko, T.; Chang, M.; Chen, M.; Clough, M.; Day, T.; Engler, M.; Fiore, A.M.; Geske, J.; Hargrove, M.; Larson, S.; Manu, A.; Martin, C.; Paschke, T.; Rule, L.; Sadosky, L.; Stone, R.; Thacker, E.; Vranas, P.; Wong, J.

Substitutes: Carter, R. for Dark, R.; Osei-Kofi, N. for Laanan, F.; Hutter, J. for Mansbach, R.; Elmore, R. for Owen, M.; Rajagopalan, G. for Schmerr, L.; Ely, T. for van Leeuwen, H.

Guests: S. Carlson (Provost's Office); D. Holger (Provost's Office); K. Kruempel (Curriculum Committee); E. Rosacker (University Relations); J. Kvinge (GSB).

**I. Call to Order – 3:35 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Faculty President Gregory Palermo.

- A. Seating of Substitute Senators

**II. Consent Agenda – 3:32 p.m.**

- A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, September 12, 2006 - [S06/M/1]
- B. Agenda for October 10, 2006 – [S06/A/2]
- C. Calendar – [S06/C/2]

Motion to approve consent agenda by Senator Heising; seconded by Senator Zanish-Belcher

### **III. Announcements and Remarks – 3:40 p.m.**

#### **A. Faculty Senate President**

a. The University Professor and Distinguished Professor [UP-DP] designations workgroup has further developed proposed language in response to concerns. The new language was reviewed by the FS Executive Board, and has now been forwarded to the FS Governance Council for review.

b. Recognition that Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Hoffman has accepted the position as ISU's first Executive Vice President and Provost.

c. September 2006 Regents meeting review. Programs approved were B.A. in Software Engineering and establishment of the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute approved.

d. Legislative funding package approved by the Board of Regents. They are using the higher education index for base funding inflation (currently about 5.2 percent). For the three regents universities that is about 54.4M; \$30M of which is from state legislative funding and 24.4M from tuition. Significant number of items were funded with one-time funds this past year across the three universities, totaling about \$20M; BOR has asked for this to be put into a recurring base. They have asked for \$14M for salary upgrades—ISU may receive more than 50% if current budgeting holds forth because ISU is significantly below its peer group, perhaps more than its sister institutions. According to AAU, we may be close to third from the bottom of public institutions. This is not where we want to be with respect to our peers.

e. Budget model development has continued. The FS Executive Board steering group [President Palermo, Past President Baldwin, President Elect Crase, and Senator Girton] issued a commentary on the ABM3 on behalf of the FS and the general faculty at large. The commentary emphasized two fundamental issues: the role of the senate in shared governance issues, and the fair number of operational complexities of the model that were projected to have academic implications. A copy of the commentary will be sent to Senators shortly. Some Caucus chairs already sent it onward. Timeline: BMRIC report to President Geoffroy due by Oct 13; and this is a report to him. He will make his conclusions public after reflecting upon report. He may put it on the floor for next round of institutional commentary. President expects to make a final decision on the budget model between January 17 and February 15. Faculty Senate will provide input and then vote on recommendation that Geoffroy will make in October-November, with FS vote expected in December or January.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect

President Elect Crase reported on progress in planning for the annual Faculty Senate Spring conference. Date set is March 23-24, 2007. This would include Friday all day and Saturday until noon. The committee is made up of caucus chairs plus benefited from the involvement of Dr. Eric Hoiberg, from Provost Office.

C. Provost Report

Interim Provost Carlson provided a report.

a. Incoming Executive Vice President and Provost Betsy Hoffman will be visiting ISU before her official start date of January 1, 2007. Her goal is to get to know the people that she will be working with.

b. Today and tomorrow there is a symposium for department chairs in Pella to provide opportunities for chairs to think more about leading their departments.

Question from Senator Courteau. Will department chairs be reminded of need to provide leadership to support academic freedom and to provide leadership particular to a university setting “where academic freedom is foremost” a concern? Interim Provost Carlson said that the symposium was led by academics and would feature academic university issues.

**IV. Special Order of the Day for Presentation and Voting at this Meeting – 3:55 p.m.**

A. Resolution to Authorize the Review of the Office of the President and President – [S03-2]

Past President Baldwin introduced the need for the FS per the *Handbook* to review the Office of the President. Section 5.7 directs the senate to review the office of the president, last completed in 1997. Past President Baldwin explained that the resolution would authorize the Executive Board and the FS President to carry out the review in accordance with the *Handbook*. To move forward, a majority vote was needed.

President Palermo called for the question.

Motion passed.

**V. Old Business – 3:56 p.m.**

None.

## **VI. New Business – 4:00 p.m.**

### **A. Undergraduate Certificate in Latin American Studies – [S06-3] - Hendrich**

Senator Hendrich provided the certificate for approval and discussion today. She noted that the proposal complies with certificate proposal process. Courses are all 300 and 400 level, and it is an augmentation of the regular degree. It has been approved by the FS Curriculum Committee, the Academic Affairs Council, and the Executive Board.

Senator Torie addressed her comments to the requirement that students will participate in study abroad. She expressed concern about resources needed for students to accomplish this element. Tom Waldeman, Interim Professor in Charge, spoke on behalf of the program, responded that to make the "truly strong" this aspect was needed "as a central component" and that resources have been found for students in the past. The certificate did not provide a provision for waive the requirement. Senator Maddon continued the discussion by inquiring about the percentage of students who do not study abroad in general. Waldeman did not have an exact figure but said that they program sent 80 last summer and generally are sending "large numbers." Senator Maddon asked the program to consider alternatives for the rare occasion of the student who is not able to travel abroad. Waldeman emphasized that this provision would be crucial if the proposal was for a major, but as a supplemental certificate did not seem as necessary. Dr. Haywood-Ferreira talked about potential for substitute activities in the US and also spoke to potential sources of funding. Dr. Pesola, also from the program, said the group would discuss the issue but saw that the issue could be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Senator Porter raised the specter of passport or legal difficulties preventing student travel abroad. Waldeman accepted this as a great question that the committee did not contemplate. In the past, there has usually been at least one country in Latin America that students could travel to; it appeared that it was a remote possibility that a student would be barred completely from such an experience. Substitute Senator Hutter, said that the requirement for study abroad was out of bounds. It was emphasized that the requirement was a four-week study abroad, not an entire semester. Senator Kyber spoke in support of program and said that Landscape has a requirement for domestic travel that costs more but has high value in delivering outcomes, especially in area of interpersonal functioning, for students and the program.

Senator D. Anderson asked about the rationale for the program, particularly how it was different from extant programs. Waldeman explained and referred individuals in text provided in the proposal. Senator Post noted that on page 13 the list of faculty and staff omitted a potentially interested colleague. Waldeman said that Latin American, not US Latina issues, were the focus, so the connection may or may not be appropriate.

President Palermo clarified that vote will be taken at the next meeting.

## **B. Unmet HS requirements – [S06-4] - Hendrich**

Senator Hendrich explained that the current situation is that there is tracking, by the University, of unmet HS requirements that must be met before graduating, but we don't require every student to do this: for example, if they have completed 24 credits at another institution. This proposal would stop tracking at the institutional level. Assumes that the student will need to take and pass relevant courses--which de facto demonstrates that they have passed.

Senator Selby expressed concerns about articulation with new College of Engineering entrance requirements, specifically, a foreign language requirement. They are also considering new requirements and recommendations concerning the number of years of math and science. Students quickly figure out if pre-requisites are real or not, and this would be the same as for proposed change. Students will decide that it doesn't matter. Hendrich emphasized that the proposal doesn't change admissions requirements.

Jane Jacobson, Co-Chair of the University Academic Advising Committee, and on the Registration Classification Committee, explained that 96-97 percent of admits have the preparation, otherwise it would be the responsibility of the advisor. The proposal would change tracking at university level. She assumed that colleges could enforce new requirements for graduate. Senator Selby expressed doubt that the data could be tracked at the college level if the university was not also tracking.

Phil Caffrey, Admissions Office, also spoke to the fact that freshman entrants mainly meet standards. He does not believe that more students will be admitted under new policy. Time, energy, and resources are required to track the 3% who have not met the requirements. The proposal would remove tracking at a cost savings.

GSB representative J. Kvinge, Director of Academic Affairs, spoke to the need for the university to continue to track and enforce because otherwise it may lead to a less meaningful degree from the perspective of employers. Senator Olson spoke against the proposal, emphasizing the need to be clear and to operationalize requirements.

Senator Freeman spoke in favor of the proposal. He commented that the proposal needed to be clear that it wouldn't change either admissions or graduation requirements. Senator Townsend spoke to the need for flexibility for students who came from less privileged environments and would need this. One unmet is not so much the issue, but the specificity of the requirements, which sometimes trip up National Merit Scholarship winners on occasion. The focus is on admitting students who are well prepared, and admissions will continue to support this approach.

President Palermo clarified that vote will be taken at the next meeting.

**C. Department Name Change: HHP to Department of Kinesiology – [S06-5]  
- Palermo**

Administrative item brought the FS via EB from the Provost Office. Advice, consent, commentary were needed, and the proposal will be considered at the November meeting. Senator Rosenbusch inquired whether this was a new route—why not through Academic Affairs? President Palermo clarified that the proposal came directly to the EB from administration and that the EB has the option of referring it to a council or committee or directly to the senate. Senator Hendrich commented that AA did not have an opinion because they had not reviewed the proposal.

Senator VanDerValk motioned to postpone and to refer to the AA for discussion. A senator seconded.

Senator Hendrich noted that the name change would not make it into the next catalog if it went through AA and then was presented for the vote. President Palermo noted that there would be a Special Order in December to vote upon for catalog issues, so there would perhaps be time. Past President Baldwin noted that past discussions of name changes have been cumbersome in the past so the Provost Office thought an administrative decision would be more efficient and would protect the department's decision making regarding its own name (not the name of a major). Interim Provost Carlson also spoke to the issue. Senator Krumpel shared the impression that the Provost Office was not the last stop, but instead was the Board of Regents. President Elect Crase noted that the catalog deadlines should not be the main focus, but instead the focus should be on the substance.

Senators Maddon and Freeman also spoke to the issue regarding our role. Substitute Senator Hutter said that if something is referred to the Senate, one should use the right routes. Let the committee take a look prior to returning the motion to the floor of the senate.

Motion carried.

**VII. Good of the Order – 4:25 p.m.**

D. Holger spoke to the issue of deciding how and when the advice of the Faculty Senate is sought. He noted that it was "unclear—and appropriately so—how advice should be processed for different issues." He emphasized that there was "nothing wrong with this process" of the Provost Office asking the EB to take on the aforementioned issue, and that it was appropriate. For other issues, it might not have been the right course.

**VIII. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Senator Bailey; seconded by Senator Girton.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006 3:30-5:00 P.M. – GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION</b></p>
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