

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13, 2007 from 3:35 – 4:30 P.M.  
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Anderson, D; Bado-Fralick, N.; Bailey, T.; Beetham, J.; Bradbury, S.; Braun, E.; Cai, Y.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Chacko, T.; Chang, M.; Courteau, J.; Crase, S.; Cross, S.; Dark, R.; Day, T.; Fehr, C.; Fiore, A.M.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Ghandour, M.; Girton, J.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Haynes, J.; Heising, C.; Hendrich, S.; Jolls, K.; Laanan, F.; Loy, D.; Luecke, G.; Madon, S.; Martin, C.; Mayfield, J.; Murdoch, A.; Nutter, F.; Olsen, M.; Palermo, G.; Paschke, T.; Porter, M.; Post, C.; Rosenbusch, R.; Ruben, R.; Rule, L.; Selby, M.; Torrie, M.; Trahanovsky, W.; van Leeuwen, H.; Wallace, R.; Wong, J.;

Absent: Anderson, P.; Babcock, B.; Baldwin, C.; Beell, T.; Bracha, V.; Chen, M.; Clough, M.; Engler, M.; Geske, J.; Hargrove, M.; Jeffrey, C.; Kline, K.; Larson, S.; Mansbach, R.; Manu, A.; Pruetz, J.; Sadosky, L.; Schmerr, L.; Thacker, E.; Thompson, J.; VanDerZanden, A. M.; Vranas, P.

Substitutes: K. Scheibe for Mennecke, B.; A. Knapp for Owen, M.; L. Clarke for VanDerValk, A.; M. Christian for Zanish-Belcher, T.

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

I. Called to Order – 3:36 p.m.

A. Seating of Substitute Senators.

Substitute Senators were welcomed to the meeting and apprised of their duties and privileges.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:32 p.m.

- A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, January 16, 2007 - [S06/M/5]
- B. Agenda for February 13, 2007 – [S06/A/6]
- C. Calendar – [S06/C/6]
- D. Revised Section, 5.2.4.1 of the Faculty Handbook [S05-18; Double/Multiple Voting Policy; Handbook language implementing approved policy]
- E. Revised Section 5.1.1.5 of the Faculty Handbook [S05-13; PRS Mediation Policy; Handbook language implementing approved policy]
- F. Revised Section 5.4.1.2 of the Faculty Handbook [S05-13; PRS Mediation Policy; Handbook language in section correlated to 5.1.1.5 implementing approved policy]

Motion to approve offered by Senator van Leeuwen and seconded by Senator Martin.

Motion passed.

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

A. Faculty Senate President – Palermo

1. Senate Council Chairs Election. Election will be March 6. Selecting chairs for the FDAR and RPA Councils. The 2007 Nomination Form was distributed with the Agenda. Note that chair elected for FDAR would be filling a partial term. At-large senatorial seats should also be filled by next meeting.
2. Athletic Council Election. Election will be March 27. The Senate must elect a replacement for John Schuh. The representative need not be a senator. Please indicate your interest to Sedahlia Crase, chair of Committee on Committees (Com-Com) or President Palermo. The 2007 Nomination Form was distributed with the Agenda. There currently is one nomination form received.
3. Resource Management Model Implementation. BMRIC is to continue this spring to issue a final report taking into account input up to President Geoffroy's decision, as well as developing test runs of the model. A new Implementation Committee is being formed to consider overarching implementation processes. Gregory Palermo will represent the Faculty Senate.
4. Iowa Board of Regents Update.
  - ~ Submitted Catalog and discontinuation of MS in Enterprise Computing to Council of Provosts for approval;
  - ~ HHP change to Kinesiology, Engineering and Leadership Policy Institute approved by BOR
  - ~ Regents supported ISU's request seeking \$28M for bio-renewables facility from Iowa State Legislature
  - ~ Minority graduation rates lag behind non-minorities by 11% (SUI) to 17% (UNI); the BOR and others expressed concerns regarding how to address disparities.
  - ~ Iowa House File 175. This file contains a proposal to have uniform course numbers, course names and course content for use in articulation among the Regents universities and community colleges. The proposal ignores articulation processes already in place; ignores differences in standards, etc.; fundamentally takes academic control away from faculty; would cost millions and many years of effort for virtually no benefit. The file was not formally considered in the legislature last year, but is on the docket for review again. There are states that have such agreements. President Palermo noted that community colleges are not unified in the same way as the Regents universities, presenting another layer of complexity in operationalizing such a proposal.

## 5. Updates:

- a. CHS departmental reorganization. Senate oversight committee includes: Clark Ford (2008 President-Elect), Senator Mike Olsen and Gregory Palermo
- b. Records and archiving policy. Records and Information Management (RIM) committee now includes: Co-chairs Jim Davis and Olivia Madison (Parks Library), with Sheryl Rippke (Policy Administrator), Paul Tanaka (Office of University Counsel), and FS President Gregory Palermo, who will be meeting through spring 2007.
- c. 'Active Service/Modified Duties' task force. Senate nominees have been invited to serve by Associate Provost Carlson.

### B. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Crase

President-Elect Crase reported details of the faculty spring conference, titled "Ethical Considerations in a Market-Driven University." Associate Provost Carlson was thanked for her support, as well as others working on the planning. This event invites faculty to deliberate such issues as the impact of new economic strategies on academic freedom, public-private partnerships, and processes for maintaining core values in the face of innovation and change. Dr. Robert Streiffer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, will be the keynote speaker. This will be held on 23 and 24 of March.

### C. Provost – Hoffman

Provost Hoffman said she held fond memories of attending the faculty conferences and was looking forward to participating. She thanked the Senate for their "thoughtful and sage advice" on the budget model, is "taking recommendations seriously." The implementation team's first task will be filling the positions on the advisory committees, which will include representation from the general faculty and the Faculty Senate. President Geoffroy has approved the Principles of Community, reported Hoffman. She reported that she is currently reading P&T documents and is enjoying the review. The formal reporting on P&T review outcomes will be shared at the next meeting.

## IV. Special Order – 4:10 p.m.

- A. Presentation of the report of the Task Force to Review the Office of Business and Finance (posted on the Faculty Senate website: < <http://www.facsen.iastate.edu/> >) - Girton

It is part of our privilege and responsibility to review the offices of the university. The report included a self-study, a survey and focus group activity, overseen by seven members of a Task Force which Roger Stover chaired.

The three recommendations:

- a. *Acknowledge the positives*, of which there are many, associated with this office, which is small, handles many duties, and has a steady and dedicated history at ISU.
- b. *Improve communications*; perhaps make a greater effort to communicate with faculty, staff, and students. Proposed a faculty advisory committee under auspices of FS which would also focus on communication internally and externally to the office. Warren Madden enthusiastically agreed to the committee and it is already meeting with a group.
- c. *Look to the future*, with acknowledgement of impending new budget model, which would be affected greatly by changes in this area. Consider fundamental changes as well as improvements.

This report did not provide a personnel review, but overall, Senator Girton suggested that there were many positives in that report that focused on the value of having W. Madden at ISU. President Palermo announced that a summary will be prepared and made public through the *Iowa State Daily*, a procedure specified in the *Faculty Handbook*.

V. Old Business – 4:11 p.m.

There was no old business.

VI. New Business – 4:12 p.m.

A. B.S. in Bioinformatics and Computation Biology [S06-10] - Hendrich

Senator Hendrich, Academic Affairs Council, spoke to the support for this proposal that has been received by other programs in the state, such as at UNI, which it does not duplicate. The proposal is well-crafted. The proposal will be before the Senate for approval at the next meeting.

B. Ph.D. in Business and Technology [S06-11] - Hendrich

This expands opportunities for colleagues in Business to offer advanced degrees common to research universities. Does not appear to be duplicative. Dean Hira expressed willingness to answer any questions. Senator Fiore asked about the fate of current MBA professional programs if a research degree were offered. Dr. Crum responded that the college is committed to continuing those programs.

C. Revisions to University and Distinguished Professor Policy [S04-16]; [S06-12] - Palermo

President Palermo recalled the history of the policy changes and the warrant for clarifying the differences, requirements, and procedures. The draft passed in September 2005 by the FS was not accepted by administration. Before the Senate was now text which represented the resulting negotiated text. Associate Provost Holger worked with a group, as well as Senators Olsen and Woodman who worked with Governance Council to refine the text. This language was approved by Governance and Documents Committee, Governance Council; and by the FS Executive Board. Key differences included an emphasis on "change agent" as a characteristic for successful candidates for University Professor; and not utilizing the FS for final decision making regarding Distinguished Professor awardees.

Senator Madon asked about implications of the new language for faculty members who would be deserving of holding both professorships. President Palermo noted that it was now possible to hold both titles, which are anticipated to be sufficiently distinct to be independently-held.

VII. Good of the Order – 4:25 p.m.

There was none.

VIII. Adjournment – 4:30 p.m.

Minutes by N. Grudens-Schuck, FS Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007 3:30-5:00 P.M. – GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION</p>
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