

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2007 -- 3:37 – 4:30 P.M.
SUN ROOM, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Anderson, D; Anderson, P; Bailey, T.; Baldwin, C.; Beetham, J.; Bradbury, S.; Cai, Y.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Chacko, T.; Crase, S.; Cross, S.; Dark, R.; Ford, C.; Ghandour, M.; Girton, J.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Haynes, J.; Heising, C.; Hendrich, S.; Jeffrey, C.; Jolls, K.; Laanan, F.; Larson, S.; Long, L; Loy, D.; Luecke, G.; Manu, A.; Murdoch, A.; Nutter, F.; Olsen, M.; Owen, M.; Palermo, G.; Paschke, T.; Porter, M.; Pruetz, J.; Ruben, R.; Rule, L.; Torrie, M.; Trahanovsky, W.; VanDerZanden, A.M.; van Leeuwen, H.; Wallace, R.;

Absent: Babcock, B.; Bado-Fralick, N.; Beell, T.; Bracha, V.; Braun, E.; Chen, M.; Clough, M.; Day, T.; Engler, M.; Fehr, C.; Fiore, A.M.; Freeman, S.; Geske, J.; Hargrove, M.; Kline, K.; Madon, S.; Mansbach, R.; Martin, C.; Mayfield, J.; Post, C.; Rosenbusch, R.; Sadosky, L.; Thacker, E.; Thompson, J.; Vranas, P.; Wong, J.

Substitutes: S. Russell for Chang, M.; K. Vander Lugt for Courteau, J.; S. Sapp for Hochstetler, A.; R. Gary for Mennecke, B.; G. Rajagopalan for Schmerr, L.; I. Anderson for Selby, M.; W. Clarke for VanDerValk, A.; E. Goedecken for Zanish-Belcher, T.

Guests: E. Hoffman (Provost); S. Carlson (Provost's Office); D. Holger (Provost's Office); E Rosacker (University Relations); C. Good (P&S Council); K. Kruempel (Curriculum Committee).

I. Called to Order – 3:37 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, February 13, 2007 - [S06/M/6]
- B. Agenda for March 6, 2007 – [S06/A/7]
- C. Calendar – [S06/C/7]

Senator Girton moved and a senator seconded.

Motion passed.

III. Announcements and Remarks – 3:42 p.m.

A. Faculty Senate President – Palermo

1. *Athletic Council election.* Election will be March 27. Selecting replacement for John Schuh. The representative need not be a senator. Please indicate your interest to Sedahlia Crase, chair of Committee on Committees or Palermo. The 2007 Nomination Form was distributed with the agenda.

2. Updates.

a. *Non-Tenure Eligible Research Faculty Task Force report.* The Task Force report has been completed and will be posted on the Senate website along with its appendices. URL of PDF: <http://www.facsen.iastate.edu/Images/NTEFinalReport20070305.pdf> or via FS main site at <http://www.facsen.iastate.edu/>. The Executive Board has charged FDAR and the Governance Council with developing a relevant policy statement.

b. *Religious Holy Day Observance policy and guidelines.* Academic Affairs Council is working with the GSB and Provost's Office to develop guidelines for accommodation of students who participate in religious observances during scheduled university courses and activities.

Senator Torrie asked whether there would be a process for documenting need for religious observance by students comparable to documentation required to activate disability protections. President Palermo said that less in the way of documentation was needed for religion and that some thought regarding procedures would be needed for consideration regarding language to be put in syllabi.

c. *University Library.* Last year the Senate authorized the RPA Council to study the funding of the library and to report back to the Senate. The RPA is tentatively scheduled to report to the Senate at the March 27 meeting.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Crase

Look for the reminder of the conference. Pre-registration is necessary for meal planning. "Ethical Considerations of a Market-Driven University" remains the title.

C. Provost – Hoffman

Provost Hoffman reported that the Budget Leadership and Transition Team will be meeting this upcoming Thursday with a main charge of making up advisory committees. She commended the non tenure eligible research task force for an outstanding report and invited Senators to take a look at it and think about the recommendations. She reported that she has just about completed the P&T process. Also, the Priority #5 Survey link has been sent and Senators were urged to respond.

IV. Special Order – Election of Council Chairs – 4:00 p.m.

A. Resource Policies and Allocations Council

Jack Girton was the current and the original chair. Gregory Palermo was nominated as the new chair. Motion to close the nomination was offered by Senator Porter, seconded by Senator Ghandour. Palermo provided a brief statement as part of his candidacy, having yielded the Chair to president-elect Crase to do so. Senators Rule, Owen, Olson, Baldwin, and Hendrich served as tellers.

Palermo was elected.

B. Faculty Development and Administrative Relations Council (FDAR)

March 27 is the date for the election for chair of this Council.

V. Special Order – Update on the Review of the Office of the President and President – 4:00 p.m. - Baldwin

Past President Baldwin provided an overview of the Committee and process to review the Office of the President, and the President. The work included a self-study, meetings with leadership at various, 18% response to a survey of faculty, as well as an open website and involvement of an external reviewer. There will be both a public and private report. Final report will be provided to FS President Palermo and BOR President Gartner, anticipated in April. President Geoffroy's self-study will be part of the appendices.

VI. Old Business – 4:10 p.m.

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

Steve Wilson and Duane Enger were present to speak to the proposal. There were no questions. Palermo called the question.

Motion passed.

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

Crum represented the program. Palermo called the question.

Motion passed.

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

President Palermo provided a review of both the extant policy and the proposed policy. There were proposed both changes in definition that strengthens institutional change beyond service for UP, and a process change for review of final candidates for DP.

Associate Provost Holger and Senators Olson and Porter were available for comment, having worked extensively and collaboratively to refine the procedures and the language.

Senator Bailey spoke to aspects of the proposal with which he was uncomfortable; specifically, the length of the new UP definition compared to the old definition from 2001 which “made more sense, in fewer words,” to the Senator. He expressed that he was unclear what it meant for a faculty member to focus on institutional change. He also expressed the need for more time to consider the document before voting. Senator Bailey moved to postpone voting to the next meeting. One of the advantages of postponing, he noted, was time for senators to review the 2001 version as well as current versions (2005 and 2007). Parliamentarian Porter noted that there needed to be a second, which was provided by Senator Wallace.

Motion passed.

David Holger noted that the committee focused only on the wording of the recent FS version that was disputed; they did not reconsider the 2001 version. Instead, their charge was to address disputes between the Senate and administration concerning the version that the FS itself had passed. The motion that passed at this time, to postpone and consider the 2001 version, would seem to negate the most recent effort to clarify the policy.

VII. New Business – 4:40 p.m.

There was no new business.

VIII. Good of the Order – 4:57 p.m.

Senator Olson reinforced expressed disappointment that their work in collaboratively crafting language for the UP/DP policy appeared to be "brushed aside" for consideration at a future meeting. His comment was followed by Substitute Senator Vander Lugt inquiring about the original warrant for changes. President Palermo provided a brief historical warrant. Senator Bailey readdressed his point, stating that he did not wish to degrade the work of the committee or the integrity of the individuals, but rather provided at heart a call for more time to consider the policy. Moreover, he restated that a "focus on institutional change" did not seem appropriate as a focus for a faculty member.

Senator Porter noted with respect to the upcoming elections, that senators should be mindful of chair elections for caucuses.

IX. Adjournment – 4:30 p.m.

President Palermo adjourned the meeting early.

Minutes by N. Grudens-Schuck, FS Secretary

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007
3:30-5:00 P.M. – GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION