

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2007 -- 3:30 – 5:00 P.M.
SUN ROOM, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Babcock, B.; Bado-Fralick, N.; Bailey, T.; Beetham, J.; Bracha, V.; Braun, E.; Cai, Y.; Crase, S.; Cross, S.; Dark, R.; Day, T.; Fiore, A.M.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Ghandour, M.; Girton, J.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Haynes, J.; Heising, C.; Hendrich, S.; Jeffrey, C.; Jolls, K.; Larson, S.; Long, L.; Loy, D.; Luecke, G.; Madon, S.; Martin, C.; Manu, A.; Nutter, F.; Olsen, M.; Owen, M.; Palermo, G.; Paschke, T.; Porter, M.; Post, C.; Pruetz, J.; Rosenbusch, R.; Ruben, R.; Selby, M.; Thacker, E.; Thompson, J.; Torrie, M.; Trahanovsky, W.; van Leeuwen, H.; Wallace, R.; Wong, J.; Zanish-Belcher, T.

Absent: Baldwin, C.; Beell, T.; Bradbury, S.; Chacko, T.; Chang, M.; Chen, M.; Clough, M.; Engler, M.; Fehr, C.; Geske, J.; Hargrove, M.; Kline, K.; Laanan, F.; Mansbach, R.; Mayfield, J.; Mennecke, B.; Murdoch, A.; Rule, L.; Sadosky, L.; Schmerr, L.; VanDerValk, A.; VanDerZanden, A. M.; Vranas, P.

Substitutes: W. Anderson for Carter-Lewis, D.; K. Vander Lugt for Courteau, J.; S. Sapp for Hochstetler, A.

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); J. Kvinge, (GSB); I. Ringgenberg (GSB).

I. Called to Order – 3:30 p.m.

A. Seating of Substitute Senators

Substitute Senators were welcomed to the meeting and apprised of their duties and privileges. K. Vander Lugt announced that she would fulfill the role of substitute for J. Courteau, World Languages, for the remainder of the semester.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:32 p.m.

- A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, March 27, 2007 - [S06/M/8]
- B. Agenda for April 10, 2007 – [S06/A/9]
- C. Calendar – [S06/C/9]
- D. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning [S05-29] – Faculty Handbook language implementing policy.

Motion to approve consent agenda, with minutes as amended by inserting full text of Senator Bailey's comments into the minutes in addition to the summary of his comments already provided, by Senator Girton and seconded by Senator Owen.

Motion passed.

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

A. Faculty Senate President – Palermo

At a future meeting, Ann Thompson will provide a summary of the report on the Office of the President and the President.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Crase

Yielded the floor for time.

C. Provost – Hoffman

Provost Hoffman told the FS that an announcement earlier in the day brought the news of an agreement of ConocoPhillips with ISU for research for 22.5M over 8 years. This announcement, and the deliberations that led up to it, might now make clear the Provost's recent and current eagerness to develop a clear policy on proprietary research. Proprietary research is not the main thrust of the C-P agreement, but a new policy would ready ISU for contracts featuring this type of research in the future, and would provide support for faculty members currently conducting research that has proprietary contractual elements.

IV. Special Order: Policy Library – 3:50; Sheryl Rippke (Policy Library Administrator) and Paul Tanaka (University Counsel)

S. Rippke provided an overview of the ISU Policy Library, including description of the Policy Library Advisory Committee (PLAC), and news of a standardized format for policies and a web search format for locating policies on the web. She provided a hardcopy version to Senators of her Powerpoint presentation and also demonstrated web navigation. She highlighted a special page titled, "Policies in Development."

K. Kreumpel asked whether academic reports and requirements constituted "policies." Rippke deferred to the Provost and University Counsel, who responded in agreement with President Palermo that the *Catalog* is home for such, and is also linked to the Policy Library. The *Catalog* is the purview of the Faculty Senate, therefore policies regarding programs and requirements such as ISU Comm would be in the *Catalog*.

Senator Porter commended the office for providing the impetus for the service. Porter underscored the need to coordinate with and to respect extant processes. In the PLAC text, however, there is a "draft" mentioned, and clarification was requested regarding implications for changes in official processes and approvals. Rippke responded that a policy was not required to be shared at the concept or draft stage. However, early communications were expected to be helpful. Rippke said "It [Policy Library] does not in any way replace the Faculty Senate or governance processes" but is meant to work alongside them.

V. Special Order: ISU Athletics – 4:05 p.m.; Jamie Pollard and Paula Morrow

Academic matters related to student athletes were presented by Paula Morrow in her regular reporting to the FS. She provided a slide of Team GPAs by Term from 2002 to the present. Overall, athletes' combined averaged GPA was slightly above the all-university GPA consistently over time—a positive finding. She also addressed the effect of the new policy on

academic probation on students. It is a more rigorous standard which flags students who are struggling academically, with most identified students coming from the football program. She also noted progress of students as "Special Admits," which numbered 17 in fall 2006. These students receive a range of special monitoring and supports. NCAA graduation rates for ISU were shown were at 70% most recently. Minority student athletes' graduation rates have stabilized now at about 56% up from under 30% in the past—another positive movement. She showed the new standard for judging success with students, called Academic Performance Benchmarks (APR), which tracks retention as well as academic progress. Most teams have been above the cut-off (except men's basketball) for men's sports which now has an improvement plan. For women's sports, all do quite well, with volleyball earning 1000 along with golf and gymnastics.

Senator Selby asked about the new academic probation policy at ISU and whether it is stricter than the NCAA or other association policies. Morrow noted that ISU's policy was stricter, but our policy does not render a student ineligible per sports organizations necessarily. Jamie Pollard provided a report to the FS that complemented Morrow's, with an emphasis on the goals of the athletic department and their progress in the first year of his administration. He prepared with others a plan titled, "Next Steps" which emphasized transparency; and academic lives of the student athletes, which has this past year exceeded the general population of students regarding graduation rates.

Competitively, he noted Big 12 gains by team (18 sports). Facilities and finances continue to be a challenge, with 8% coming from the university now and with an increasing emphasis on funding from other donors and sales. The program has been directed to raise its own funding for buildings, for example, which directs attention to income sources such as sales, and brings challenges particular to those endeavors.

VI. Old Business – 4:25 p.m.

- A. University Library Resolution [S06-13] – RPA Council; reference Library Powerpoint on Senate website- Girton

Senator Girton provided a brief overview of the resolution, which was introduced to the FS last session. It is hoped that the resolution would have an effect on decisions made under the new RMM.

Motion passed.

B. Religion Accommodation [S06-14] – Academic Affairs - Hendrich

Hendrich acknowledged the GSB for bringing this to the university's attention. The motion had been introduced at the last meeting.

Motion passed.

C. Name Change, College of Agriculture [S06-15] – Executive Board

Palermo noted that a new document had been sent with minor corrections.

Senator Girton encouraged the Senate to vote affirmatively because it described well the current teaching and research that occurs in the college. Also, he appreciated the way in which the process was conducted by Dean Wintersteen. In the end, she elicited the vote of the faculty, which approved the change by a wide margin. “The faculty want this change,” emphasized Girton.

Senator Owen indicated further that Dean Wintersteen worked with other deans, especially LAS, to cooperate and coordinate, and there was no negative finding. Senator Owen asked about the LAS vote. Dean Wintersteen clarified that it was reported by Dean Whiteford that no formal vote was taken, although sentiments were positive.

Motion passed.

VI. New Business – 4:42 p.m. – all introduced by Senator Hendrich

- A. Degree Name Changes in the Department of Kinesiology [S06-18]
 - a. B.S. in Health & Human Performance to B.S. in Kinesiology & Health [S06-18a]
 - b. M.S. in Exercise & Sport Science to M.S. in Kinesiology [S06-18b]
 - c. Ph.D. in Health & Human Performance to Ph.D. in Kinesiology [S06-18c]

B. Discontinuation of Grad Minor in AST.

C. Smoking Policy SO6-17

Brief introduction to the document by President Palermo.

VII. Good of the Order – 4:58 p.m.

President Palermo called for Senators to appreciate the weight of the decisions just made and to embrace future such opportunities with gusto in voting.

VIII. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

<p>NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007 3:30-5:00 P.M. – SUN ROOM, MEMORIAL UNION</p>
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