

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2008 -- 3:40–5:20 P.M.  
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Bado-Fralick, N.; Baldwin, C.; Beell, T.; Beresnev, I.; Braun, E.; Clough, M.; Crase, S.; Cross, S.; Daniels, T.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Haynes, J.; Hendrich, S.; Hochstetler, A.; Korsching, P.; Langholz, K.; Long, L.; Loy, D.; Luecke, G.; Manu, A.; Martin, C.; Martin, M.; Mennecke, B.; Murdoch, A.; Oh, H.; Olsen, M.; Owen, M.; Owusu, F.; Palermo, G.; Porter, M.; Porter, S.; Rosenbusch, R.; Ruben, R.; Rule, L.; Sadosky, L.; Thompson, J.; Torrie, M.; VanDerValk, A.; VanDerZanden, A. M.; van Leeuwen, H.; Wallace, R.; Winkiel, L.; Zanish-Belcher, T.

Absent: Babcock, B.; Beetham, J.; Bracha, V.; Cai, Y.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Chacko, T.; Day, T.; Geske, J.; Ghandour, M.; Hargrove, M.; Jackman, J.; Jeffrey, C.; Jolls, K.; Larkin, B.; Larsen, M.; Larson, S.; Love, M.; Madon, S.; Maney, A.; Mayfield, J.; Nutter, F.; Paschke, T.; Sapp, T.; Selby, M.; Vander Lugt, K.; Windus, T.; Wong, J.

Substitutes: H. Geirsson for Butler, A.; N. Coinman for Pruetz, J.; T. Rudolphi for Schmerr, L.

Guests: Acker, D. (CALs); Beisser, A. (ISU Dailey); Carlson, S. (Provost's Office); Dillon, W. (Ames Tribune); Geoffroy, G. (ISU President); Girton, J. (BBMB); Guffy, I. (GSB); Hoffman, E. (Provost); Holger, D. (Provost's Office); Hopkins, C. (Music); James, M. (IPPM); Kane, K. (P&S Council); Martin, R. (AgEdS); Nonnecke, G. (Hort.); Reitmeier, C.; Rosacker, E. (University Relations); Spalding, R. (IPPM); Strait, M. (ISU Daily); Taylor, S. (CALs Global Ag.); Thornburg, R. (IPPM); Vrchota, D. (Chair, Gov. & Doc. Committee); Wang, K. (IPPM); White, P.; Woodin, D. (P&S Council).

I. Called to Order – 3:40 p.m.

A. Seating of Substitute Senators

President Crase asked substitute senators to announce their names and apprised them of their responsibilities and privileges.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:42 p.m.

- A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, February 12, 2008 - [S07/M/6]
- B. Agenda for March 4, 2008 – [S07/A/7]
- C. Calendar – [S07/C/7]

Moved to accept consent agenda by Senator Beell and seconded by Senator C. Martin.

Motion carried.

III. Special Presentation: ISU President Gregory Geoffroy spoke to the Faculty Senate.  
3:45 p.m.

President Crase welcomed President Geoffroy to the assembly. President Geoffroy's remarks centered on gains and challenges experienced during the last year. He reflected on the positive changes and workability of the university since the arrival of Provost Hoffman, just over one year ago. He noted that "young people and their families see Iowa State as a great value" and this positive assessment has contributed, along with successful recruiting efforts, to higher-than-expected enrollments, especially in light of decline of young people demographically in Iowa. He noted that, "last fall we enrolled in ISU the third largest entering class in ISU history and we saw an overall 2.7% increase in enrollment in the fall compared to the previous year. This spring that enrollment increase continues, actually it accelerated a little bit, our enrollment this spring is 3.1% larger than it was a year ago and that growth for the spring is the larger than it had been for the fall which really means that we are doing a better job of retaining students at ISU keeping them on the path to graduation. Our applications for next fall, applications to the university are up by 15.3%." Private fund raising efforts have also produced early and unprecedented results, beyond the initial goal, a result which will greatly assist ISU to deliver on its mission and current strategic plan. President Geoffroy also expressed appreciation for the university's stable leadership, particularly helpful to ISU in an era of short-duration leadership tenures nationally.

His closing notes including a pledge to closely follow the progress of the "salary bill" in the Iowa State Legislature, pushing for full funding to close the gap among salary increases with peers. He also applauded the fast response, and continuing work, of individuals and units on campus who are assisting the upgrade of safety and alert features to keep students, faculty, staff, and community member visitors safer on the ISU campus.

IV. Announcements and Remarks – 4:10 p.m.

A. Faculty Senate President – Crase

President Crase updated the faculty on forthcoming meetings with the Board of Regents.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Ford

None.

B. Provost – Hoffman

The Provost expressed appreciation for the statement of confidence by President Geoffroy regarding her performance and contributions during her first year in her position at ISU. She announced that we have two very important open positions in the Provost Office right now. One is to be the faculty director of the honors program and the other the director of CELT. Both of those are extremely important positions for our students and our faculty and she urged us to nominate individuals or to self nominate or encourage others to self nominate. She indicated that for CELT particularly, she is looking for some people who have some STEM background; she

thinks it is one of the areas where we need work in terms of helping faculty in the STEM disciplines communicate with our students

V. Old Business – 4:15 p.m.

A. Faculty Handbook: Class Attendance [S07-4]—Governance Council: Max Porter

Max Porter indicated that the Governance Council passed this proposal in September of '07 and it was on the agenda to come to the Senate floor at that time. However it was discovered that there had been a change in the link to this document, so we pulled the document from the agenda. Now it is back after the content of the link was addressed by both the Government of the Student Body and the Faculty Senate Governance Council and changes proposed. Senator Porter explained that the action now is to endorse the new language proposed in the link and he made a motion, from the Governance Council, to that effect. (Since we do not control the link, we can only endorse it, he said). If the Senate votes to endorse the link, then we would vote to approve the original agenda item that is before us.

Palermo asked what is the effect of endorsing this particular language, since the policy is actually maintained by the policy library for the university and comes out of other bodies than these two. Porter replied that we are interpreting it to mean that we would put forth these suggestions about the content of the link to whoever is handling the administration of this link, and given the acceptance of that language then we want to go ahead and move forth with our part. Susan Carlson commented that her understanding is that the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity which manages this language will be happy to make these changes if they are approved by the Faculty Senate and by the GSB. Ian Guffy, GSB Vice President, concurred with Carlson's comments based on his contacts with EOD.

The motion to endorse the language change in the link was approved.

Senator Porter then noted that the next action was to go ahead with our original proposed item assuming this link gets fixed correctly and that language is accepted by the EOD. So the motion on behalf of the governance council was that we move the approval of this senate action S07-4 pending the modification of the link.

The motion was approved.

VI. New Business – 4:25

A. Name Changes:

- a. Plant Physiology Degree to Plant Biology [S07-15] – AA Council: Suzanne Hendrich

This curriculum change item stimulated discussion regarding the scope and scale of the proposed name (plant biology) in light of seemingly more limited scope of course offerings associated with the current proposal. Proponents from several departments spoke to the great efforts made

in the last year to revise the proposal so that its character was broader than “plant physiology;” indeed, many agreed that the collection of faculty, departments and courses were sufficiently broad that “plant physiology” was no longer an appropriate title. However, discussion continued on whether a move to broaden to “plant biology” was warranted. Individuals speaking to the issues included K. Wang; Senators Wallace, van Leeuwen, and VanDerValk; and R. Thornburg.

- b. Agricultural Education Major to Agricultural and Life Sciences Education [S07-16]  
– AA Council: Hendrich

Clarification was made that the change was proposed for a major, not a department.

- c. Entomology Undergraduate Degree to Insect Science [S07-17] – AA Council:  
Hendrich

Discussion was brief, and focused on utility of the term “insect” versus current “entomology.”

#### B. New Degrees:

- a. B.S. in Culinary Science [S07-18] – AA Council: Hendrich

Clarification was made that a formerly-discussed title of “culinology” was no longer a contender.

- b. B.S. in Global Resource Systems [S07-19] – AA Council: Hendrich

Associate Dean Acker represented the proposal.

- c. B.S. in Biological Systems Engineering [S07-20] – AA Council: Hendrich

No substantive discussion.

#### C. Undergraduate Certificate in Occupational Safety [S07-21] – AA Council: Hendrich

Senator Hendrich noted that this was the second full certificate proposal in front of the Senate.

#### D. Major in World Languages and Cultures [S07-22] – AA Council: Hendrich

Senator Hendrich explained that the change represented a reorganization of the way majors were configured, providing more flexibility to students, who would no longer need to have a major in a specific language per se.

#### E. New Minors:

- a. Minor in Bioengineering [S07-23] – AA Council: Hendrich

No substantive discussion.

b. Minor in Music Technology [S07-24] – AA Council: Hendrich

C. Hopkins spoke to the need to support a minor mainly for non music majors who want to conjoin computer expertise. The major would not be strictly “vocational” he noted.

c. Minor in Meat Science [S07-25] – AA Council: Hendrich

Senator Grudens-Schuck spoke to the utility for students in the Agricultural Studies major.

d. Minor in Sport and Culture [S07-26] – AA Council: Hendrich

No substantive discussion.

F. Language Change to Foreign Travel Grants Policy [S07-27] – FDAR Council: Ann Marie VanderZanden and Heimir Geirsson

Discussion focused on clarifying how the proposal would operate, given the types of travel now embarked upon by faculty, mainly from points remote from Iowa.

G. Proposed Changes to Faculty Senate By-Laws [S07-28] – Governance Council: Max Porter

No substantive discussion.

Move to extend by 15 minutes by Senator Wallace and seconded by Past President Palermo.

Motion carried.

H. Faculty Senate Research Policy Proposal [S07-29] – RPA Council: Gregory Palermo and Jack Girton

This proposal addresses all manner of research, including the issue of proprietary research. The policy would substitute for a brief and superficial policy statement that is currently in force.

VII. Good of the Order – 4:15

None.

VIII. Adjournment – 5:20 p.m.

Faculty Senate minutes by N. Grudens-Schuck, secretary.

NEXT MEETING -- TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008 -- 3:30-5:00 P.M. – GREAT HALL, MU
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