

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2008 -- 3:30–5:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Bado-Fralick, N.; Baldwin, C.; Beell, T.; Beetham, J.; Beresnev, I.; Braun, E.; Butler, A.; Carter-Lewis, D.; Chacko, T.; Chaundhuri, S.; Cooper, E.; Clough, M.; Crase, S.; Cross, S.; Daniels, T.; Dell, B.; Doran, M.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Ghandour, M.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Hendrich, S.; Hillier, A.; Hochstetler, A.; Jackman, J.; Jeffrey, C.; Jolls, K.; Katz, A.; Keren, N.; Korsching, P.; Kishkowski, J.; Langholz, K.; Larsen, M.; Larson, S.; Long, L.; Love, M.; Loy, D.; Luecke, G.; Madon, S.; Martin, C.; Martin, M.; Mayfield, J.; McQueeney, R.; Mennecke, B.; Moschini, G.C.; Muench, J.; Murdoch, A.; Napolitano, R.; Nutter, F.; Olsen, M.; Osweiler, G.; Owen, M.; Owusu, F.; Palermo, G.; Paschke, T.; Pleasant, J.; Porter, M.; Rule, L.; Sadosky, L.; Sapp, T.; Selby, M.; Smiley-Oyen, A.; Thompson, J.; Torrie, M.; Tuckness, A.; Vander Lugt, K.; van der Valk, A.; Van Der Zanden, A. M.; Wallace, R.; Walter, S.; Winkiel, L.; Zanish-Belcher, T.

Absent: Babcock, B.; Bracha, V.; Cai, Y.; Day, T.; Geske, J.; Haynes, J.; Larkin, B.; Manu, A.; Maze, T.; Oh, H.; Porter, S.; Rosenbusch, R.; Ruben, R.; van Leeuwen, H.; Windus, T.; Wong, J.

Substitutes: O. Zabetina for Hargrove, M.; T. Chacko for Herrmann, P.; N. Coinman for Pruetz, J.; T. Rudolphi for Schmerr, L.

Guests: Bystrom, D. (Catt Center); Carlson, S. (Provost's Office); Guffy, I. (GSB); Herwig, J. (HDFS); Hoffman, E. (Provost); Kane, K. (P&S Council); Madison, O. (Dean, Parks Library); Premkumar, S. (Business); Rosacker, E. (University Relations); J. Snyder-Yuly (Catt Center); Woodin, D. (P&S Council).

I. Called to Order – 3:30 p.m.

President Crase called the meeting to order.

A. Seating of Substitute Senators

President Crase notified Substitute Senators of their rights and duties.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:32 p.m.

- A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, April 15, 2008 - [S07/M/9]
- B. Agenda for April 29, 2008 – [S07/A/10]
- C. Calendar – [S07/C/10]
- D. *Faculty Handbook* Style Sheet – [S07-34]
- E. Revisions to the *Policies and Procedures Manual* – [S07-35]
- F. Non-Tenure Eligible Research Faculty document – [S06-22] (ready for placement in the *Faculty Handbook*; is now on Faculty Senate web site for comment as per new edit procedures passed earlier this year).

G. Faculty Senate Council and Committee Annual Report – [S07-36]

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Senator Zanish-Belcher and seconded by Senator Owen.

Motion carried.

III. Special Order – 3:34 p.m. – David W. Miles, President, State of Iowa Board of Regents

The Senate was honored to have the new President of the Board of Regents (BOR) speak to current issues. Especially notable was Mr. Miles longstanding contributions to higher education (Drake University and others) and to the business sector in Iowa and regionally and nationally. Mr. Miles was also pleased to take questions from the Senate floor.

IV. Special Order: Library Update – 3:55 p.m. – Olivia Madison, Dean, Parks Library

Dean Madison provided an update on pressures experienced by libraries nationally in higher education—and Iowa State in particular, especially with respect to new acquisitions and electronic (bundled) journal purchases, which have increased annually to a marked degree. Existing resources have not stemmed the decrease in progress of the library in comparison to other Iowa, and regional and peer, institutions.

V. Special Order: Memorial Resolutions – [S07-30] – 4:05 p.m. – Crase

Faculty Senators and guests provided a moment of silence in respect and to honor the passing of esteemed colleges. We honored: Irvin C. Anderson, David Leonard Lendt, Samuel H. Liu, and G. Prem Premkumar. Portraits of each member of the faculty were displayed as part of the memorial and key facts about achievements and contributions were read aloud for all to appreciate the importance of the losses resulting from their passing.

VI. Special Order: Spring Graduation List – [S07-31] - 4:10 p.m. For consideration and voting at this meeting: <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~registrar/graduation/lists/s2008graduation.xls>

Motion to approve carried.

VII. Special Order – 4:12 p.m.

Update on promotion and tenure and non-tenure eligible faculty, and thoughts on why we are losing faculty—Executive Vice President and Provost Elizabeth Hoffman

Provost Hoffman provided the annual report on results of the promotion and tenure process. She spoke to decision making that agreed to permit, as appropriate, faculty seeking tenure as well as promotion to delay a final decision for one year after the submission process reached the level of the Provosts Office. Her remarks followed closely on discussion, and her pledge to analyze and develop strategies, relevant to hiring high-quality faculty members who would also be retained, at least through the tenure process. Spousal accommodation, salary and start-up funds, location, and the institutional policy climate all played a role in both acceptances and non acceptances of offers, including retention situations. The Provost also spoke to strategies emerging which targeted particular disciplines or areas of special interest on an annual basis, and which involved deans and chairs, for both hiring and retention.

VIII. Announcements and Remarks – 4:40 p.m.

A. Faculty Senate President – Crase

President Crase provided thanks to the Senate, past FS Presidents and officers, administration, student associations, and administrative assistant Sherri Angstrom for support throughout her two year service as President-Elect, and then as President, of the Faculty Senate. She reminded members that part of her pledge during elections and early in fall 2007 was for the Senate to “have fun” as well as conduct meaningful business – and that both seemed to be accomplished, despite an ever-present learning curve.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Ford

None.

C. Provost – Hoffman

None.

IX. Old Business --4:42 p.m.

None.

X. Special Order – 4:43 p.m.

A. Recognition of Retiring Senators

The names, and accomplishments, of Senators leaving the Senate were read aloud, and a certificate was given to each such Senator present to thank them for their service to colleagues and the institution.

B. Passing of Gavel

President Crase moved herself to the role of Past President with the passing of the gavel to President-Elect Ford, who then became the President of the Faculty Senate. Comments were offered regarding the gavel and its role in the process. President Ford provided for a special thank-you to Past-President Crase.

C. Seating of New Senators

New Senators were introduced and seated, with full voting rights. Attendance however reflects members’ roles at the time of the start of the meeting.

XI. New Business –4:55

A. Undergraduate Nuclear Engineering Minor [S07-32] – Hendrich

Having fulfilled being vetted by the faculty of the College of Engineering and other relevant bodies, the proposal for the minor was introduced.

B. Undergraduate Certificate Program in Community Leadership and Public Service [S07-33] – Hendrich

The LAS-based, undergraduate certificate program was introduced. There is already some funding and history to count as a needs assessment for the program, and most of the resources, including faculty and courses, are in place. The Catt Center is the organizational lead, represented by D. Bystrom and J. Syder-Yuly.

XII. Good of the Order – 4:59 p.m.

None.

XIII. Adjourned – 5:00 p.m.

Postnote: Orientation for new Senators (led by Porter) took place in the Great Hall immediately following adjournment.

Postnote: President Ford sent a summary of items of completed business from the April 29, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting to all Senators in an e-mail message titled “Faculty Senate Meeting Update – April 29, 2008” on April 30. This informal summary assisted Senators and others to understand the results of the meeting before the next formal FS meeting in September 2008.

Faculty Senate minutes by Secretary N. Grudens-Schuck.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 -- 3:30-5:00 P.M. -- GREAT HALL, MU
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