

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 -- 3:30–5:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION**

Present: Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Baldwin, C.; Beetham, J.; Beresnev, I.; Butler, A.; Chaundhuri, S.; Clough, M.; Crase, S.; Cross, S.; Day, T.; Dell, B.; Doran, M.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Geske, J.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Hargrove, M.; Haynes, J.; Hendrich, S.; Herrmann, P.; Hillier, A.; Hochstetler, A.; Jackman, J.; Katz, A.; Keren, N.; Korsching, P.; Kushkowsky, J.; Larkin, B.; Larsen, M.; Long, L.; Love, M.; Loy, D.; Luecke, G.; Manu, A.; Martin, M.; McQueeney, R.; Muench, J.; Napolitano, R.; Niday, D.; Nutter, F.; Osweiler, G.; Owen, M.; Owusu, F.; Palermo, G.; Pleasants, J.; Porter, M.; Porter, S.; Pruetz, J.; Rosenbusch, R.; Rule, L.; Sadosky, L.; Sapp, T.; Schmerr, L.; Selby, M.; Smiley-Oyen, A.; Torrie, M.; Tuckness, A.; Vander Lugt, K.; van der Valk, A.; VanderZanden, A. M.; Wallace, R.; Walter, S.; Windus, T.

Absent: Beell, T.; Bracha, V.; Cooper, E.; Daniels, T.; Larson, S.; Mayfield, J.; Maze, T.; Moschini, G.C.; Ruben, R.; Wong, J.

Substitutes: None

Guests: Bystrom, D. (Catt Center); Carlson, S. (Provost's Office); Christianson, I. (ISU Daily); Guffy, I. (GSB); Hoffman, E. (Provost); Hanson, K. (Ames Tribune); Holger, D. (Provost's Office); Kennedy, R. (GSB); Maxwell, G. (Mechanical Engineering); Mumm, L. (P&S Council); Rosacker, E. (University Relations); Snyder-Yuly, J. (Catt Center);

I. Call to Order

President Ford called the meeting to order at 3:31pm, and extended a welcome to returning senators, new senators, guests, and substitutes.

A. Seating of Substitute Senators

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, April 29, 2008—[S07/M/10]

B. Agenda for September 9, 2008—[S08/A/1]

C. Calendar—[S08/C/1]

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Senator Wallace and seconded by Senator Beresnev. Motion carried.

III. Announcements and Remarks

A. Faculty Senate President

President Ford displayed a photograph of last year's Faculty Senate Executive Board; he then introduced this year's Executive Board (EB) and had them stand for recognition.

President Ford made note of several events of the past summer, including an EB retreat with the President Geoffroy and Provost Hoffman, a Faculty Senate P+S Council leadership retreat, meetings with the Board of Regents, summer graduation, and individual meetings between he and the president, the provost, and the associate provost.

President Ford recounted the priorities he has established for AY 08/09, which include: monitoring effects of the new resource management (budget) model; promoting awareness of and prestige of the senate; exploring proposed new policies (such as tuition benefits for faculty families and limits on teaching percentage by NTER faculty), and establishing an on-campus faculty dining facility (which in an earlier era might have been known as a faculty lounge). He asked that anyone interested in serving on a task force that would explore the feasibility of such a facility to contact him via phone or email.

President Ford recounted business of the recent (9/2/08) EB meeting, including the referral of the proposed Modified Duty Policy to the FDAR Council for further study; the referral of the Authority to Hire policy to the Governance Council, the referral of the Employee Verification and Background Check Policy to the Governance Council, and the referral of the Smoke-free Campus policy to the Governance Council.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect

President-elect van der Valk welcomed all in attendance, and noted that he is working to establish a theme for the spring (2010) spring conference. He asked for an informal show of hands to indicate a preference for three possible themes; no count was taken, but the more hands were raised for the **Live Green Initiative** than for the other two options (**ISUComm** and **Faculty Compensation Policies and Procedures**).

C. Provost

Provost Hoffman noted that the incoming student body was the second-largest on record, at almost 27,000 students. She noted that 100 new faculty had been hired, with a net increase of 30-40 (taking retirements into account). She also noted that orientation sessions conducted prior to the beginning of fall semester had gone very well. The provost made note of three upcoming events: A kickoff that evening (9/9/08) celebrating ISU's first engineering research center, an "ISU Advance" noontime event the following day (9/10/08) in the Gallery of the MU, and an ISU Advance conference at Shemin on 10/10-10/11/08.

D. Council Chairs

Each Council Chair spoke briefly of the ongoing/upcoming work of their respective council.

Senator Hendrich (Academic Affairs) mentioned a series of policy updates, review of proposals for voluntary accountability (assessments of student learning), and catalog review.

Senator VanderZanden (FDAR) mentioned review of the Modified Duties Policy, tuition benefits for faculty member families, and the faculty lounge dining facility.

Senator (and parliamentarian) Porter (Governance Council) made note of committees that report to the Governance Council, and noted the aforementioned policies that had been forwarded to the Governance Council for review and comment (Authority to Hire Policy, Employee Verification and Background Check Policy, and Smoke-free Campus Policy).

Senator Freeman (J+A Council) introduced council members, and noted that there were no ongoing investigations.

Senator Palermo (RPA Council) made note of committees that report to the RPA Council, and noted that RPA would be looking at how Homeland Security measures were affecting scholarly participation by non-citizens.

IV. Old Business

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

Senator Hendrich noted that Greg Maxwell was present to represent the program; Hendrich asked whether there were questions or clarifications needed; there were none, and motion to establish minor brought forward to the Senate via the Academic Affairs Council carried.

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

Motion to establish certificate brought forward to the Senate via the Academic Affairs Council carried.

V. New Business

A. M.S./Ph.D. Wildlife Ecology [S08-1]—Hendrich

Senator Hendrich noted that this was the first presentation of the proposed melding of the two programs (Wildlife Biology and Animal Ecology, both within NREM department), that additional documentation was being gathered before the matter would go to the Board Of Regents, and that ISU lacks a clear formal policy for enacting such mergers. Senator Rosenbusch asked whether any courses were being dropped by either program; Senator Rule said not.

Senator Freeman asks why merge programs, In lieu of dropping one and re-naming the other—may be simpler as a procedure? Senator Hendrich said that may not be the case. Associate Provost Holger noted that there was a precedent for a merger (Nutritional Science), and that his recommendation was that the parties get together all documentation that the Regents would typically be interested in seeing during their review of the merger proposal. Senator Palermo elaborated on the need for good documentation, noting

that the Regents need to see documentation of effects on students, effects on faculty responsibilities, and how the merger fits within the context of contemporary academic/scientific nomenclature.

Senator (and past President) Crase noted that this was not an adequate manner in which to propose the merger as a first reading; Senator Hendrich countered that this argument was mitigated by the unusualness of the case. At this point in the proceedings (4:27pm), as if by magic, Professor Dave Otis appeared on the scene, and he allayed the concerns of many by noting that there were no curricular changes proposed as well as no new requirements for the proposed re-named degrees. Senators had no further questions for Professor Otis.

VI. Good of the Order

GSB Vice President Ian Duffy introduced Ryan Kennedy (of junior standing, majoring in Accounting, Engineering and Philosophy [!]), as the new GSB representative to the Faculty Senate.

Senator Pol Herrmann asked that the record reflect that Professor Tom Chako had served as his substitute for the Senate meeting on 4/29/08, correcting the minutes from that meeting, which indicated he was absent. He produced an email dated 3/5/08 sent by him to Senator Porter, which advised that Prof. Chako would substitute for him. Senator Palermo made a motion to amend the 4/29/08 minutes, seconded by Senator Grudens-Schuck. Motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

Senator Wallace moved to adjourn at 4:24pm; Senator Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2008 GREAT HALL, MU
