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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING Minutes
APRIL 7, 2009
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION**

Present: Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Baker, R.; Beell, T.; Beetham, J.; Beresnev, I.; Chaudhuri, S.; Clough, M.; Crase, S.; Daniels, T.; Dell, B.; Doran, M.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Geske, J.; Haddad, M.; Haynes, J.; Hendrich, S.; Herrmann, P.; Hillier, A.; Hochstetler, A.; Jackman, J.; Keren, N.; Kushkowsky, J.; Larsen, M.; Loy, D.; Martin, M.; Mayfield, J.; McQueeney, R.; Muench, J.; Napolitano, R.; Niday, D.; Osweiler, G.; Pleasants, J.; Porter, M.; Rosenbusch, R.; Sadosky, L.; Sapp, T.; Selby, M.; Smiley-Oyen, A.; Strohhahn, C.; Torrie, M.; Tuckness, A.; Vander Lugt, K.; van der Valk, A.; Wallace, R.; Walter, S.; Windus, T.

Absent: Bracha, V.; Butler, A.; Cooper, E.; Day, T.; Grudens-Schuck, N.; Hargrove, M.; Korsching, P.; Larkin, B.; Larson, S.; Long, L.; Love, M.; Luecke, G.; Manu, A.; Maze, T.; Moschini, G.C.; Nutter, F.; Porter, S.; Pruetz, J.; Ruben, R.; Rule, L.; Schmerr, L.; VanderZanden, A. M.; Wong, J.

Substitutes: L. Thompson for Baldwin, C.; V. Dark for Cross, S.; M. Chidister for Katz, A.; P. Pedersen for Owen, M.; K. Zarecor for Palermo, G.

Guests: Carlson, S. (Provost's Office); Hoff, C. (Finance); Hoffman, E. (Provost); Pollard, J. (Athletics); Girton, J. (BBMB); Hanson, K. (Ames Trib); Kane, K. (P&S Council); Mumm, L. (P&S Council); Rosacker, E. (University Relations); Sager, W. (ISU Daily); Schwab, C. (ABE); Smith, R. (Management); Strong, K. (CCE).

I. Call to Order

A. Seating of Substitute Senators

Called to order at 3:02pm; see above for substitutions.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Faculty Senate, March 10, 2009 - [S08/M/7]

B. Agenda for April 7, 2009 – [S08/A/8]

C. Calendar – [S08/C/8]

Motion by Beell to approve, seconded by Crase; motion carried.

III. Special Order: Sharron Quisenberry, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Quisenberry introduced by Ford. Quisenberry outlined her background and credentials, and spoke about her perceptions of ISU strengths, in particular its faculty and its reputation for interdisciplinary work.

IV. Announcements and Remarks

A. Faculty Senate President

Ford noted that the EB has recommended several faculty awards, with awardees identified at a subsequent Senate meeting. He also noted that the next Senate meeting would include a half-hour discussion of the budget, with a panel of 10 representatives from college caucus chairs and Senate council chairs. He noted further that the task force on NTE teaching % has submitted their report.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect

Van der Valk encouraged all faculty to attend the budget forum. He also noted that the compensation committee has produced a report, which includes some recommendations for establishing benchmarks for faculty pay levels.

C. Provost

Hoffman noted that three new deans have been hired: Rico-Guitierrez for Design, Wickert for Engineering, and White for Human Sciences. As for the budget, the cut relative to the previous year now stands at about 14%. Each college is being asked to cut 7.5-9%. An unknown factor is federal "stimulus" money, in terms of amounts or disposition by the legislature; at any rate, it would likely be one-time money rather than a continuing resource. Hoffman noted that she will be asking faculty volunteers who can help design the next ISU strategic plan.

V. Special Order: Athletic Department Presentation – Jamie Pollard, Athletic Director, Tommy Powell, Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Services, and Paula Morrow, NCAA Faculty Representative

Pollard was noted as being present and available for questions as needed, but was not introduced and did not address the Senate. Morrow presented a slideshow with information that tracked the academic performance of student-athletes since 2004. This included comparisons with non-athlete students, as well as comparisons among teams. Overall, athletes differ very little from the general student population, but there are wide disparities among teams. The best team academic performance was that of women's gymnastics. In fact, no women's teams had any academic issues, but football and men's basketball each had GPA averages around 2.3. Men's teams with academic difficulties or graduation-rate issues have drawn the notice of the NCAA, but since the situation is improving (coaching instabilities have been a factor), no immediate threat of sanctions. Powell noted that he has been at ISU for about a year. He outlined the various programs offered by the Athletic Academic Services office, including tutoring, mentoring, etc. but also opportunities for performance of community service by the athletes.

VI. Special Order: Election of Faculty Senate Representatives to the Athletic Council

Four candidates appeared before the Senate to promote themselves for two vacant Athletic Council positions: Curt Hoff, Kelly Strong, Charles Schwab, and Richard Smith. Following presentations, the senate conducted a paper-ballot vote.

VII. Old Business -

A. Faculty Grievance Procedures- [S08-19]

Freeman described the amended procedures, and asked for questions. Hearing none, Ford asked for a show of hands for approval; motion carried, apparently unanimously.

B. Modified By-Law Changes – [S08-13]

Porter described the amended bylaws, noting that there were now only two changes rather than the five proposed earlier, and noting further that the changes were simply name changes for committees. He asked for questions. Hearing none, Ford asked for a show of hands for approval; motion carried, apparently unanimously.

VIII. New Business

A. Export Controls Policy – [S08-21]

Girton spoke on behalf of a task force that has produced a draft export controls policy that will align with federal rules. He described how federal rules on export controls had been tightened in the post-9/11 era, noting that there could be severe penalties for allowing access to sensitive technologies by foreign nationals. The policy would impose restrictions but also would in effect exempt ISU from certain restrictions because ISU is a fundamental research facility. The policy will require additional resources, because faculty will need help with compliance. Also, the policy is necessary, because without such a policy in place, ISU is at risk of being disqualified from certain federally-funded grants. Rosenbusch asked whether ISU needed to vote on the policy before it is on the website for review; Girton said yes, because time was of the essence. Porter noted that under these terms a “shadowing” student could pose a threat; Girton agreed. Crase wondered whether it would be possible to take a laptop into a restricted country without violation of the federal rules, and suggested that ISU could provide “clean” laptops for such purposes. Beresnev noted that the rules seem to make no sense, in that they were overly restrictive; Girton agreed. Van der Valk suggested that traveling faculty could do all work on websites, in lieu of storing files on laptops. Hoffman noted that in China, if you so much as turn on your PDA, the government will probably copy its contents; she suggested the use of cyber cafes. A number of Senators asked how ISU can in good faith admit students from restricted countries (China, for example) if we are not free to teach them just as we would other students (since teaching often includes student access to sensitive technologies/software etc.). Hoffman responded that this was an issue for all universities in the US. Rosenbusch noted that this was a significant impediment to the university’s mission. Daniels noted that this is a longstanding problem, and that it has always produced a “chilling effect”. He suggested that faculty take \$300 laptops with Netscape downloaded for all communications (using Webmail), because of the risk of confiscation. Contrary to Hoffman, he cautioned against the use of cyber cafes, since their machines cannot be presumed to be secure. Girton advised Senators to read the policy and be ready to make a decision at the next meeting.

Election results

Ford announced the results of the paper ballot vote for Athletic Council positions: Schwab and Strong.

B. Faculty Handbook: Admissions Requirements – [S08-22]

Hendrich noted that the current admissions policy date from 1991, and that heretofore the Intention was to simply provide a link to the Board of Regents admissions policy, since that policy governs ISU admissions. The rationale is that as the Regents modify their

requirements, the link (in lieu of the policy itself) will always provide access to current policy.

IX. Good of the Order

Ford reminded the Senate of the upcoming budget forum/panel discussion on 4/21/2009.

X. Adjournment

At 4:59 Beell moved for adjournment, and Wallace seconded; motion carried.

<p>NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009 -- 3:30-5:00 P.M. GREAT HALL, MU</p>

Minutes assiduously recorded, painstakingly typed and respectfully submitted by Michael David Martin, duly elected Recording Secretary of the Iowa State University Faculty Senate, upon this sixteenth day of April in the year two thousand and nine *Anno Domini*.