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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING minutes
APRIL 6, 2010 – 3:30–5:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION**

Present: Agarwal, S.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Arndt, G.; Baker, R.; Baldwin, C.; Beattie, G.; Beell, T.; Beetham, J.; Beresnev, I.; Blevins, J.; Butler, A.; Byars, J.; Chaudhuri, S.; Clough, M.; Dell, B.; Doran, M.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Hargrove, M.; Haynes, J.; Hendrich, S.; Herrmann, P.; Hillier, A.; Hochstetler, A.; Huffman, W.; Jackman, J.; Keren, N.; Korsching, P.; Kushkowsky, J.; Luecke, G.; Manu, A.; Maitra, R.; Martin, M.; Martin, R.; Matzavinos, T.; Mayfield, J.; McQueeney, R.; Minion, C.; Muench, J.; Napolitano, R.; Niday, D.; Osweiler, G.; Owen, M.; Pleasants, J.; Porter, M.; Porter, S.; Rule, L.; Sapp, T.; Schalinske, K.; Selby, M.; Smiley-Oyen, A.; Stalder, K.; Strohbahn, C.; Sturm, J.; Torrie, M.; Townsend, T.; Vander Lugt, K.; van der Valk, A.; VanderZanden, A. M.; van Leeuwen, H.; Wallace, R.; Walter, S.; Windus, T.

Absent: Bracha, V; Cooper, E.; Daniels, T.; Owusu, F.; Palermo, G.; Prieto, L.; Wang, Z.J.

Substitutes: M. Kimber for Day, T.; E. Abbott for Geske, J.; B. Caldwell for Katz, A.; S. Lonergan for Loy, D; M. Potoski for Tuckness, A.

Guests: Hoffman, E. (Provost); Carlson, S. (Provost Office); Holger, D. (Provost Office); Rosacker, E. (University Relations);

I Call to Order 3:30pm

A Seating of Substitute Senators

See above for substitutes.

II Consent Agenda

A Minutes of Faculty Senate, March 9, 2010 - [S09/M/6]

B Agenda for April 6, 2010 – [S09/A/7]

C Calendar – [S09/C/7]

Motion to approve agenda carried (motion/second not recorded).

III Special Order – Election of Athletic Council Representative

Candidates Montabon and Blevins made brief statements to the Senate regarding their respective backgrounds and motivations to serve. Van der Valk called for floor nominations; none offered; ballots distributed.

IV Special Order – Election of Council Chairs

Ballots for all vacant Council chair positions distributed. Van der Valk called for floor nominations for chair positions and for Secretary; none offered; noted that President-elect may appoint Secretary if needed. FDAR Council chair candidates Townsend and Smiley-Owen made brief statements to the Senate regarding their respective backgrounds and motivations to serve.

V Announcements and Remarks

A Faculty Senate President

Van der Valk noted that committees have been established for monitoring the reorganizations of the Sociology department and for the Curriculum Instruction/ELPS merger within Human Sciences. A committee for monitoring the Horticulture/Ag Education merger is in the process of being established. Noted that the Handbook stipulates that committees have monitoring responsibilities only during reorganizations.

Noted that ten amendments have been offered relating to the proposed Handbook Section 3.4 revision (version dated 3/30/2010), and that the Executive Board (EB) has considered each; the first was considered by the EB to be “friendly” and hence was incorporated into the revision. Asked that as amendments are formally introduced that amendment-makers limit remarks to five minutes in the interest of time, with discussion/comment/question time to follow as needed.

Noted that ballots had been tallied, and that candidates Montabon and Smiley-Owen had won their respective contested elections.

B Faculty Senate President-Elect

Owen noted that formal invitations to the 4/30/2010 spring conference event were forthcoming.

C Provost

Hoffman noted that budget figures were pretty well established at this point. Additions to funding include \$4.4M restored and \$3.2 temporary funds. Noted that the Strategic Plan is now posted on the website, and that this Thursday (4/8/2010) there will be an open-to-all discussion opportunity in 1115 Pearson Hall. Noted that the urgency to “fix” the Handbook’s program-elimination policies/procedures had been alleviated somewhat, and that there was now time to amend without rushing to meet a near-term deadline. Noted (to a great collective sigh of relief) that “financial exigency” unlikely to be invoked in the foreseeable future.

VI Old Business

A Engineering Sales Minor – [S09-20] Hendrich

Wallace asked whether any new information regarding the minor had come forward since the previous Senate meeting (at which point it had been introduced, and at which point questions had been raised regarding instruction responsibilities and academic “poaching”). The NTE instructor primarily responsible for instruction in the minor was introduced, and it was noted that other faculty who are tenured will be contributing to instruction within the minor as well. The instructor noted that Business and Engineering colleges had collaborated in development of the minor. Motion to approve minor carried by voice vote.

B Revised version of FH Section 3.4 Nonrenewal or Termination of Appointment – Governance Council (Porter) [S09-11 3.4.2010]

Pleasants introduced amendment #1 (regarding the timetable of a right to appeal); Hendrich seconded. Selby noted that the amendment was unclear with respect to the timetable; Pleasants concurred, revising his amendment so that timetable left as-is, with right to appeal language intact. Motion carried by voice vote.

Townsend introduced amendment #2 (regarding a requirement for preliminary reporting on consequences of program discontinuation); Ford seconded. Amendment adds an initial sentence and two concluding sentences to Section 3.4.2.2. Establishes an ad hoc committee that determines which particular faculty will be affected by a program discontinuance, and then makes a public report detailing such affects. The intention is to have the Senate fully informed on affects or consequences prior to the Senate’s vote on the proposed discontinuation. Van der

Valk suggested minor simplification of the amendment language (non-substantive); Townsend accepted. Freeman interjected that the amendment was inappropriate in its scope, since the Senate should address academic concerns rather than personnel issues. Townsend countered that academic issues often have “personnel” consequences, and that some “academic” issues are really, at their heart, about money. Noted that the Senate should be fully informed about all aspects of a discontinuation—affects on faculty (employment) and students (numbers affected) as well as financial consequences (money saved).

Carlson expressed concern for how this amendment jibes with the existing Section 10.8, which already calls for review prior to discontinuation. S. Porter expressed support for the amendment, noting that the Regents already require an impact statement when initially considering a program discontinuation. Dell asked whether this amendment increases the Senate’s power relative to administration; Townsend agreed that it probably did, but that the Senate could use a bit more “juice”. Mayfield wondered whether it would be possible to know with certainty in advance which faculty members would be affected (and how affected) by a program elimination. Van der Lugt suggested amending the language to refer to “potential” position terminations. Townsend demurred; not considered “friendly”. Stalder stated that the amendment looked like a back-door effort that would guarantee that no one would ever be fired. Townsend countered that if such a guarantee eventuated, then so be it, because the university firing some tenured faculty members while simultaneously hiring others “is anathema to the social contract that tenure represents”. He continued that he would like to see no terminations, noting that in previous years, program eliminations had been accomplished without firing any tenured faculty. Asked that we put academic/personnel/budget decisions into a “human context”.

Van der Valk asked for a voice vote on the amendment; results inconclusive. On a show of hands, the amendment failed 24-33.

Pleasants introduced amendment #3 (regarding faculty involvement during discussions of possible program elimination, including at the most preliminary stages); Freeman seconded. Sturm asked for clarification as to who exactly was included by the term “faculty”. Pleasants referred to Section 10.8 for such definition. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Abbot introduced amendment #4 (clarifying that faculty from an eliminated program may be shunted to another program within the same department, sidestepping termination procedures); Walter seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Owen made a motion to postpone discussion of remaining amendments until the next Senate meeting on 4/20/2010, in the interest of time. Wallace seconded; motion carried.

VII New Business

A Procedures for Obtaining Approval to Discontinue an Existing Program [S09-21] – (Hendrich)

Hendrich introduced. Butler asked whether departments would now have only an advisory role in program elimination determinations; Hendrich replied that departments must be advisory rather than determinative because of the suicide clause (a department unlikely to vote to eliminate itself under any circumstances).

B MS in Architecture [S09-22] – (Hendrich)

C MS in Landscape Architecture [S09-23] – (Hendrich)

D MLA in Landscape Architecture [S09-24] – (Hendrich)

Hendrich introduced. Voice vote unanimous in favor of placing three degrees on agenda for the next meeting.

VIII Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment

Beell made a motion to adjourn at 5:00pm; Wallace seconded. Motion carried.

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 twentieth day of April in the year MMX *Anno Domini*.

<p>NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010 -- 3:30-5:00 P.M. GREAT HALL, MU</p>
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