

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING minutes
MAY 4, 2010 – 3:30–5:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION**

Present: Agarwal, S.; Amidon, K.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Arndt, G.; Baker, R.; Baldwin, C.; Beattie, G.; Beell, T.; Beetham, J.; Beresnev, I.; Blevins, J.; Bracha, V.; Butler, A.; Byars, J.; Clough, M.; Cooper, E.; Dahlstrom, M.; Dark, V.; Dell, B.; Doran, M.; Fei, S.; Ford, C.; Freeman, S.; Geske, J.; Hargrove, M.; Haynes, J.; Hendrich, S.; Herrmann, P.; Hochstetler, A.; Huffman, W.; Jackman, J.; Janvrin, D.; Jurenka, R.; Katz, A.; Keren, N.; Korsching, P.; Koziel, J.; Kushkowsky, J.; Loy, D.; Loynachan, T.; Luecke, G.; Manu, A.; Maitra, R.; Martin, M.; Martin, R.; Matzavinos, T.; Mayfield, J.; McQueeney, R.; Miller, A.; Minion, C.; Muench, J.; Napolitano, R.; Nelson, S.; Osweiler, G.; Owen, M.; Owusu, F.; Palermo, G.; Pleasants, J.; Porter, M.; Porter, S.; Rule, L.; Sapp, T.; Selby, M.; Smiley-Oyen, A.; Stalder, K.; Stevenson, G.; Sturm, J.; Taylor, G.; Torrie, M.; Townsend, T.; Tuckness, A.; Vander Lugt, K.; van der Valk, A.; Vanderzanden, A. M.; van Leeuwen, H.; Wallace, R.; Walter, S.; Wang, Z.J.; Windus, T.

Absent: Chaudhuri, S.; Daniels, T.; Day, T.; Hillier, A.; Hoff, S.; Prieto, L.; Schalinske, K.; Strohhahn, C.;

Substitutes: D. Vrchota for Niday, D.

Guests: Hoffman, E. (Provost); Carlson, S. (Provost Office); Holger, D. (Provost Office); Rico-Gutierrez, L. (Dean – College of Design); Rosacker, E. (University Relations); Pusey, J. (Ames Trib); Schwennsen, K. (Design College); Kane, K. (P&S Council); Koziel, J. (ABE); Tanaka, P. (University Counsel)

I Call to Order – 3:29 p.m.

By van der Valk

A Seating of Substitute Senators

See substitutes above

II Consent Agenda

A Minutes of Faculty Senate, April 20, 2010 - [S09/M/8]

B Agenda for April 20, 2010 – [S09/A/9]

C Calendar – [S09/C/9]

D Word change to Faculty Handbook Section 2.4.1 – [S09-26]

E Annual reports of Council Chairs – [S09-27]

Beell made a motion to approve the agenda. P. Anderson seconded; motion carried.

III Special Order – Spring 2010 Graduation List [S09-28]

<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~registrar/graduation/lists/facultylist.html>

Beell made a motion to approve the list. Owen seconded; motion carried.

IV Special Order – Memorial Resolutions [S09-9]

Van der Valk read a list of colleagues who passed away over the past year, while the Senate stood to honor their memory. Those memorialized included Walter Chatfield, Edgar Collins, Harry Hale, Patricia Keith, Lee Kolmer, Robert Muir, Ruth Louise Dahlberg, Louis Thompson, Delmar van Meter, Roy Dale Vorhees, and Richard Willett.

V Special Order – Election of Secretary

Van der Valk noted that Veronica Dark had agreed to be nominated for Senate Recording Secretary, to the great relief of all present, and ballots were distributed which included space for a write-in.

VI Announcements and Remarks

A Faculty Senate President

Van der Valk noted that remarks made to the Regents at their April meeting were available for viewing on the Senate website. Noted that the Executive Board (EB) had decided to postpone discussion on Handbook Section 10.8 (the section that describes voting procedures on matters such as program elimination) until the first fall Senate meeting, because of time constraints. Noted that there was one amendment left to discuss for Handbook Section 3.4, as well as a vote on Section 3.4 itself.

At this point Owen brought to van der Valk results of the election for Senate Recording Secretary. Veronica Dark prevailed, in a landslide, and to thunderous applause from the assembled (and grateful) multitude.

B Faculty Senate President-Elect

Owen noted that the spring conference was a great success, although attendance was not as high as hoped for. Provost Sullivan of the U. Of Minn., our own Provost Hoffman, and John Schuh combined to deliver a great program. Noted that the post-tenure review task force was hard at work and would continue work over the summer. Noted that the EB retreat with President Geoffroy and Provost Hoffman had been moved from 6/2/2010 to 7/19/2010.

C Provost

Hoffman acknowledged hard work of many to revise the Handbook in the interest and spirit of shared governance. Noted that the graduation list includes, at M. Porter's request, a posthumously awarded undergraduate engineering degree to T.J. Wood, who passed away recently from meningitis. Hoffman noted that three other ISU students (Raven Gileau, Jon Lacina, and Tyler Danielson) had passed away during this past semester, and asked that the Senate observe a moment of silence for all four.

VII Old Business

A Revised version of FH Section 3.4 Nonrenewal or Termination of Appointment – Governance Council as amended to date -- [S09-11 4.14.2010] (Porter)

Van der Valk noted that of the ten original amendments offered, nine had been dispensed with in previous Senate actions and one was left to be considered. This last

one dealt with Section 3.4.3, terminations in the event of financial exigency. Sturm noted a typo which van der Valk promised to correct. Butler had a problem with the wording in the final sentence, noting that she would like the language to be more inclusive, spelling out that faculty have a say in not just the actions taken in the aftermath of an exigency, but also a say in the determination of an exigency. Freeman countered that the Senate has no standing to appeal a decision by the Regents, who have sole authority to declare an exigency. On a voice the vote, the amendment prevailed.

On the matter of Section 3.4 itself, Porter acknowledged that there were a few minor typos, and reassured the Senate that these would be fixed. Van der Valk called the question. On a voice vote, the heavily-amended and lengthily-discussed motion prevailed, although not unanimously. A smattering of spontaneous applause from beleaguered Senators ensued, along with a collective sigh of relief. All in all, a rather anticlimactic ending.

B Proposed Revision of Section 10.8 and 2.7 of the Faculty Handbook – [S09-21 4.14.2010] (Hendrich and Porter) – Discussion postponed till September 21, 2010 meeting by Executive Board

As noted—postponed to the Old Business agenda for the next Senate meeting.

C Bachelor of Industrial Design [S09-25] – (Hendrich)

Hendrich invited questions; none asked. Townsend indicated support, noting that the new degree seemed to not overlap existing programs. On a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

VIII Special Order

A Recognition of Retiring Senators

Van der Valk recognized retiring Senators, inviting each up front to receive a certificate and a mug, if indeed he had enough mugs. Retiring Senators included Beetham, Vanderzanden, Rule, Haynes, Korsching, Doran, Owusu, Osweiler, Hargrove, Vander Lugt, Baldwin, and Ford. There were in fact enough mugs to go around.

B Passing of Gavel

President Van der Valk passed the gavel to President-elect Owen. Whereupon President Owen read a lengthy tribute to Past-President van der Valk, noting his record of Senate service and accomplishments, and bestowed gifts. The Senate applauded enthusiastically.

C Seating of New Senators

Owen read the names of all new Senators and asked all to stand. Also asked President-elect Freeman to stand and be recognized. Once again, the Senate applauded enthusiastically.

IX New Business

A B.E.T. in Information and Computer Engineering Technology [S09-29] – Hendrich

Hendrich invited questions. At which point a relatively uneventful meeting became quite a bit more...well, eventful. Certainly more colorful with respect to language, anyway. Townsend rose to state that he and others from his area were “profoundly troubled” by this initiative, characterizing it as a “cobbled together effort” and a “deliberate and even cynical move to capture students who were already being taught in the MIS program” and a “naked grab” for students that could threaten the viability of the MIS program. He expressed concern that if successful, this sort of poaching could catch on, and that would be a bad thing for the whole university, and not just MIS. He said that he and others in his area were “absolutely opposed across the board” to the venture. He noted that the Engineering College has refused any attempt to administer the degree jointly.

Holger rose to counter that the degree was a Bachelor of Engineering Technology (not a BA), and that Texas A&M and Purdue each offer similar degrees. He noted that it is an effort to attract students who would otherwise not attend ISU, rather than an attempt by one ISU unit to scavenge from another. Noted that anyone in MIS who opposes this has a quibble with their own curriculum committee, because that curriculum committee supports the venture. Townsend countered that yes indeed he had a quibble with his own department’s curriculum committee, believing he and colleagues had been “sold out” by their department chair. Van der Valk noted that this was a new kind of degree and not a duplication; Townsend countered that it was not a new kind of degree but rather a “precise overlap” with MIS offerings, and noted further that it would surely attract students already enrolled at ISU from MIS. Concocting a delightfully mixed metaphor, Townsend described this venture as “a nail in an already shaky coffin”, anticipating that MIS would likely be the first unit to encounter the new program-elimination provisions of the newly revised Handbook Section 3.4. Townsend noted that he did not speak just for himself; the venture is strongly opposed by many of his colleagues in MIS. As counterpoint, Hoffman noted for the record that not only do Purdue and Texas A&M feature a similar BET degree, but that each also houses strong MIS programs that co-exist quite ably with the BET degree.

Geske rose to express concern that there could be an overlap with Computer Science as well; his experience on the LAS curriculum committee suggests that the venture could be controversial in other quarters besides MIS. He noted that there had been a list of new courses provided but no actual curricular structure identified as yet for the BET, making it difficult to evaluate. Owen noted that we will have more info in the fall, when the matter come up as old business. Work will be accomplished over the summer to resolve issues. Selby noted that the FSCC (Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee) had agreed to establish a coordinating committee with representatives from MIS, Computer Science, and Engineering as a means to provide oversight; Hendrich clarified that this committee was not established just to oversee the BET, but rather was established to broadly oversee any and all computer-related academic programs. Selby emphasized that the BET was a four-year degree and not simply an articulation initiative that would attract community college students. She noted further that there was some uncertainty as to what the Computer Science department did and did not support with respect to

this venture, since the letter of support was not completely consistent with the terms of the proposed degree.

Townsend described hypothetically a more cooperative approach, noting that MIS would not object to the venture if it could be interdisciplinary, a shared venture between MIS and Engineering. But as it stands, he believes, MIS appears to have no significant responsibilities respecting the venture, and they (MIS) looked to suffer a loss of majors as a result.

B Masters of Industrial Design [S09-30] – Hendrich

Hendrich invited questions. Wallace asked whether the degree was a terminal degree in the field. Design Dean Rico-Gutierrez noted that a masters degree is indeed the industry standard terminal degree.

X Good of the Order

Owen noted that Senators need to be better about taking Senate business back to their colleagues—to be more pro-actively representatives of their units. He noted further that we need to be more active within College caucuses, and to in turn be in better communication with deans.

Ford noted that his Senate service had spanned ten years, that it had been a wonderful experience, and that he wanted to thank his Senate colleagues for making it so.

Geske asked Hoffman about rumors he had heard regarding inequities among the three state universities in terms of pay raises. Hoffman explained that the three universities had been treated equitably; the differences had to do with tradeoffs the three institutions had made. ISU had, for example, elected to restore pension contributions, whereas the U of I left pension contributions alone and raised salaries a bit more. Hoffman noted that she was glad the question had been raised so that the issue of equity could be clarified publicly,

XI Adjournment

At approximately 4:36pm Beell moved to adjourn. Freeman seconded; motion carried.

NOTE: There will be a brief orientation meeting for new faculty senators immediately after today's Faculty Senate meeting.

Minutes assiduously recorded, painstakingly typed and respectfully submitted by Michael David Martin, (who gratefully is no longer) duly elected Recording Secretary of the Iowa State University Faculty Senate (because hallelujah his two year gig is up as of today), upon this fourth day of May in the year MMX *Anno Domini*. **All hail Secretary Dark.**

<p>NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 -- 3:30-5:00 P.M. SUN ROOM, MU</p>
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