

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
DRAFT FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2012 – 3:30–5:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION**

Present: Amidon, K.; Anderson, C.; Anderson, D.; Baldwin, C.; Beattie, G.; Beell, T.; Blevins, J.; Bowler, N.; Bruning, M.; Butler, A.; Chaudhuri, S.; Clough, M.; Cooper, E.; Cunnally, J.; Dahlstrom, M.; Dark, V.; Essner, J.; Fei, S.; Freeman, S.; Greenlee, H.; Harding, C.; Hendrich, S.; Herrmann, P.; Hill, J.; Hochstetler, A.; Hoff, S.; Hostetter, J.; Horwitz, J.; Jackman, J.; Janvrin, D.; Jurenka, R.; Keren, N.; Koziel, J.; Kuo, M.; Kushkowsky, J.; Luecke, G.; Maitra, R.; Manu, A.; Marquart, D.; Martin, M.; Martin, R.; Matzavinos, T.; McQueeney, R.; Miller, A.; Minion, C.; Napolitano, R.; Owen, M.; Pleasants, J.; Prieto, L.; Sapp, T.; Schaefer, V.; Schalinske, K.; Sherman, P.; Smiley-Oyen, A.; Stevenson, G.; Sturm, J.; Taylor, G.; Thompson, L.; Torrie, M.; Townsend, T.; VanDerZanden, A.M.; Ware, W.; Williams, C.; Windus, T.; Zarecor, K.

Absent: Agarwal, S.; Arndt, G.; Byars, J.; Daniels, T.; Dell, B.; Geske, J.; Loynachan, T.; Nelson, S.; Stalder, K.; Tuckness, A.; Zhu, D.

Substitutes: W. Huffman for Bhattacharya, J.; A. Katz for Eisman, A.; K. P. Hoffman for Loy, D.; A.M. Fiore for Strohbeh, C.

Guests: Hoffman, E. (Executive Vice President and Provost); Bratsch-Prince, D. (Associate Provost); Holger, D. (Associate Provost); D. Burden (P&S Council); Rosacker, E. (University Relations); VanDerZanden, A.M. (Parliamentarian); Burch, A. (ISU Daily); Furfaro, H. (Ames Trib); L. Rico-Gutierrez (Dean, College of Design); S. Bradbury (College of Design)

I. Call to Order

President Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:32 and seated the substitute senators.

President Freeman's announcement that Ann Marie VanderZanden had taken over as director of CELT was greeted with a round of applause. He noted that she must resign as President-elect. She is here today to serve as the parliamentarian.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of Faculty Senate December 6, 2011 - [S11/M/4]**
- B. Agenda for January 17, 2012 – [S11/A/5]**
- C. Calendar – [S11/C/5]**

Motion and second to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed without dissent.

III. Special Order: Merry Rankin, Director of Sustainability

Merry Rankin described a new, exciting event called Sustain-a-palooza to be Feb 28, 4-6pm. It is a version of the regular Symposium on Sustainability that began in 2008. It will serve as a transition program as we go from President Geoffroy to President Leath. Sustain-a-palooza will have a poster session and in three corners of the Great Hall there will be empowering stations (electrical efficiency, waste audits, close recycling/swaps). There

will be photos showing all the different ways groups on campus have incorporated sustainability. There will be a green carpet that will allow individuals to indicate how they have accomplished sustainability. It will be an evening of celebration and fun. Senators are invited to attend and are asked to please share the information with their departments.

A question from the floor was whether the residence halls been involved. The answer was yes. They have been very involved in the sustainability initiative and in Sustain-a-palooza.

IV. Special Order: Special Election for replacement President-Elect

President Freeman clarified that the person elected will complete former President-elect VanderZanden's term as President-elect beginning tonight and will become President in May.

Suzanne Hendrich was the only nominee prior to the Senate meeting. President Freeman asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. He asked again. There were none. He declared the nominations closed.

Senator Hendrich had prepared some remarks, but said that she would deliver them later.

Senator Strum asked if Senator Hendrich could be elected by acclamation. President Freeman said that the bylaws require a written ballot, which had been passed out earlier.

Senators marked their ballots, which were collected by Senator Martin and Past President Owen for counting.

The bylaws require that ballots be counted before another election is held. In order to move the meeting along, the nominees for the office of President-elect beginning in May made their remarks while the ballots were counted.

V. Special Order: Election for President Elect

President Freeman invited each of the three nominees to speak for three minutes. Each candidate described his or her background and reasons for standing for election.

The nominee spoke in alphabetical order:

Kevin Amidon
Annemarie Butler
Veronica Dark

At the end of the remarks, President Freeman announced the results of the first ballot. Suzanne Hendrich is now the new President-elect.

President Freeman asked for further nominations from the floor for the office of President-elect (beginning in May). There were none. He asked again. There were none. He declared the nominations closed.

Senators marked their ballots, which were collected by Senator Martin and Past President Owen for counting.

VI. Announcements and Remarks

A. Faculty Senate President

The review of the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost is proceeding. The committee will send out a survey to faculty in the next day or two. Each Senator needs to complete the survey and needs to encourage his or her colleagues to also complete it. This is the first time that we have had the chance to complete the review for a sitting Provost, because they haven't lasted 5 years.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect

President-elect Hendrich gave her prepared remarks. She noted that there were similarities between her remarks and those of the candidates in the subsequent election. She noted that she has been here since 1987 and she described her background and interests so that Senators can better know who she is. Her focus is on learning: We need to think about what we do and why.

President Freeman announced the results of the second ballot. Veronica Dark will assume the office of President-elect in May.

C. Provost

Provost Hoffman offered congratulations to both President-elect Hendrich and Senator Dark and noted that she is looking forward to working with each of them.

She noted that today is President Leath's first official day in office and encouraged us to wish him well.

There was a line item increase of 20 million dollars to the Board of Regents in the Governor's budget. The Provost has no knowledge of what it is for nor whether it will make it through the legislature. This is the first time since spring 2008 that a governor has asked for an increase to the budget of the Board of Regents.

VII. Old Business

A. Changes to the C&I Educational Computing Minor – [S11-12]

President-elect Hendrich noted that this is simply a name change. There is a lot of additional background in the material provided, but the Senate is only voting on changing the name to Learning Technologies Minor, a name that more clearly reflects what the nature of the minor.

President Freeman asked if there were questions or comments. There were none. The motion passed without dissent.

B. Discontinuation of Zoology Graduate Major – [S11-13]

President-elect Hendrich presented the discontinuation request. The MS and PhD programs have not had students for some time. This is cleaning up after the reorganization that occurred a number of years ago.

President Freeman asked if there were questions or comments. There were none. The motion passed without dissent.

VIII. New Business

A. College of Design Reorganization Plan – [S11-18]

President Freeman noted that this is the first presentation of the plan to the senate. He invited guests from the college to give a quick overview.

Susan Bradbury, chair of the college's Liaison Council, presented the overview. She noted that she has been a senator for a number of years. She referred to the plan, the cover memo, and the monitoring committee report, which President Freeman noted are all part of the packet distributed to Senators.

Susan Bradbury noted that the University handbook states that discussion, planning, and review are the 3 steps in reorganization. They have done all three. The college began strategic planning a number of years ago with the hiring of Dean Rico-Gutierrez. The college determined that there were limitations in the existing structure and the college sought a way to enhance multi-disciplinarity and to give visibility to all the programs in the college.

Thirteen months were spent in planning and broad input was requested from multiple stakeholders. The plan increases the number of departments from 4 to 7, thus giving equal footing to each program. Each department serves as the tenure home for its faculty.

Ultimately they want to have a governance document ready for approval in fall. The vote on the plan was by secret ballot and was held prior to Thanksgiving. The actual voting numbers are in the report.

Senator Amidon asked about faculty balance among the 7 departments and whether there would be a department for those who don't fit into one of the 7.

The response was that faculty were not lumped together by anyone. They chose how to group themselves. Architecture is the largest, with 32-34 faculty. The smallest is Industrial Design, which is just getting started. It has 4.5 FTE.

President Freeman noted that the Senate vote in February will be a recommendation to the Provost on how she should proceed. The Senate vote is advisory rather than binding. We recommend whether or not the plan should go forward to the President.

IX. Good of the Order

President Freeman noted that next month we will NOT be meeting in the Great Hall. Instead the Senate will meet in the Sun Room.

Senator Sherman asked to make two comments. First, he noted that last semester he taught a class with 120 students. Evaluations were collected electronically. Only 66 responded. He suggested that those who have a negative bias are more likely to respond. He wondered about the impact on Ratings.

Second, Senator Sherman noted that the PRS statement is typically stated in terms of an allocation of time and that PRSs are being used widely now in evaluation. He wondered whether it is appropriate to use allocations of time in terms of percentage for such a purpose.

President Freeman noted that we should have someone come to talk to us about online evaluations. He stated that there is not any indication that they are more negative. He suggested that perhaps Ann Marie VanderZanden might present to us as a special order and she agreed.

President-elect Hendrich noted that we likely have seen or soon will see something asking us to consider the Ames Blue Zone Project, which is associated with the Healthiest State Initiative. She encouraged us to consider pledging.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012, 3:30-5:00 P.M., SUN ROOM, MU

Respectfully submitted,
Veronica Dark
Senate Secretary
February 8, 2012