



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 3, 2022 – 3:30–5:00 P.M.
SUNROOM, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Al Shihabi, D.; Anderson, M.; Armstrong, P.; Bardhan, R.; Behnken, B.; Beitz, D.; Bennett-George, S.; Beresnev, I.; Bolser, K.; Burrough, E.; Cardoso, C.; Chen, H.; Cho, M.; Cook, K.; Cutrona, C.; Day, T.; Denizel, M.; Dewell, G.; Dubisar, A.; Faber, C.; Frank, M.; Freeman, S.; Gillette, M.; Gomes, C.; Hanson, V.; Hornbuckle, B.; Janvrin, D.; Kang, S.; Kedrowski, K.; Kovnir, K.; Kreider, B.; Lonergan, E.; Lutz, R.; Mao, H.; Martin, M.; Mellata, M.; Micich, A.; Morgan, E.; Muecke, M.; Nair, A.; Oberhauser, A.; Parsa, R.; Perkins, J.; Peters, D.; Peterson, D.; Pistolessi, S.; Prabhu, G.; Rayburn, C.; Reddy-Best, K.; Robertson, A.; Rosa, J.; Schaal, M.; Schwartz, C.; Shaw, A.; Smiley, A.; Stacy-Bates, K.; Svec, C.; Tootle, D.; Wallace, R.; Wang, Q.; Watanabe, O.; Wheeler, A.; Wilgenbusch, E.; Wood, A.; Wu, H.; Xiang, C.

Absent: Andreasen, C.; Berger, D.; Bigelow, T.; Butler, A.; Chang, C.; Cochran, E.; Daniels, T.; Davis, R.; Gassmann, A.; Johnson, D.; McGrail, M.; Munkvold, G.; Napolitano, R.; Padgett-Walsh, C.; Quam, A.; Roe, K.; Rosentrater, K.; Schieltz, J.; Shin, Y.; Smalley, S.; Stevens, J.; Townsend, T.; Vary, J.; Wade, N.; Williams, C.; Winer, E.; Zerbib, S.

Substitutes: Donoho, H. for Gillette, M.; Bailey, M. for Hernandez, B.; Stacy-Bates, K. for Kushkowski, J.; Eike, R. for Schrier, T.

Guests: Wickert, J. (SVPP); Bratsch-Prince, D. (Assoc. Provost); Jordan, T. (Asst. Provost); VanDerZanden, A. (Assoc. Provost); Roepke, D. (Univ. Relations); Franz, K. (GEAT); Lent, A. (SG); McClellan, J. (ISU Daily); Luz, A. (Design); Schweers, R. (SVPP Office).

1. Call to Order

President Andrea Wheeler called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.
Four substitute senators were seated as noted above.

2. Consent Agenda –

Senator Peterson made a motion to move agenda item 9c (Provost Announcements) after item 5 to allow the Provost to continue his presentation and address the recently announced changes in AAU status. A second was received, and the motion was adopted following a voice vote of approval.

The amended agenda and remaining Consent Agenda items were adopted without dissent.

3. Special Order: Approval of Spring 2022 Graduation List [21-29]

The Graduation List for Spring 2022 commencement was approved by voice vote.

4. Special Order: Memorial Resolutions [21-30]

Memorial Resolutions were read for faculty who have passed, and a moment of silence was observed.

5. Special Order: Annual Report on Faculty Advancement, Jonathan Wickert, SVPP

Provost Wickert began his comments stating that the Board of Regents had approved all positive cases for advancement at their meeting in April and offered congratulations to those faculty that had been promoted, as well as expressing thanks to the faculty evaluation committees for their work during the Promotion and Tenure process. In all, 78 cases of tenure eligible faculty were put forward for advancement, with 76 approved and 2 declined [28 to Professor, 46 to Assoc., 1 to Prof. with tenure, and 1 to Assoc. with tenure]. He also reviewed analyses of gender and ethnicity distribution of promoted faculty, as well as a cohort analysis of the faculty that began in FY 2016.

Regarding Term Faculty advancement, the following promotions were approved: Asst. to Assoc. Prof of Practice -1; Asst. to Assoc. Teaching Prof. – 20; Assoc. to Full Teaching Prof. – 13; Asst. to Assoc. Clinical – 4; Assoc. to Full Clinical – 1

Additional comments and observations included congratulations to Assoc. Provost Dawn Bratsch-Prince and Asst. Provost Tera Jordan for their contributions to promoting faculty success, as well as thanks to the department and college P&T committees for their hard work putting forward the dossiers of those promoted. The Provost then addressed questions from senators during the discussion of his report.

Provost Announcements (Agenda Item 9c)

Provost Wickert then began to explain the non-renewal of membership of Iowa State University in the AAU. He noted that in the announcement on April 21 in *Inside Iowa State*, the situation was explained regarding the emphases on evaluating AAU status and how the AAU determines its members and the ranking of them. Despite ISU receiving ca. \$20M in NIH funding, this does not compare with AAU institutions that are connected to medical schools and other research institutions that have a significant human health emphasis. This comparison comes down to those institutions who have significant NIH funding versus institutions such as ISU with a ‘Land Grant Mission’. He said, “We excel at what we are designed to do as a Land Grant university.” Questions were then received from senators:

Sen. Cook – Posed a question about the shared governance and decision-making to conclude that the AAU membership would not be renewed.

Sen. Hornbuckle – Asked who was involved in making the decision. The Provost replied that the issue was discussed at length with senior leadership; the ultimate decision was made by President Wintersteen.

Sen. Peterson – Expressed concern with how the decision was made, and who ISU thinks its peers are. The Provost responded that ISU has a broad Land Grant mission, so determining our peer group entails comparisons with other institutions with similar missions, and the problem is how to evaluate them and on what specific criteria.

Sen. Beresnev – Noted that the messaging of the university was inconsistent; over the past few years the message was that it was a high priority to be a member of the AAU “club”.

Sen. Peterson - Expressed concern that ‘Tier 1’ status for AAU evaluation might be comparable if, for example, USDA funding were considered.

Provost Wickert then continued with additional announcements:

- Commencement will be held this coming weekend with a record number of graduating students participating in the ceremonies.
- A reception for promoted tenured faculty was held recently, and a reception for promoted Term Faculty will be held next week.
- Enrollment Projections for Fall 2022 (as of May 1st) look promising with a record number of applications. How the applications will convert to enrolled students that will attend in the Fall semester is still unknown and acceptances will be monitored very carefully throughout the summer. Recruiting efforts continue to be a high priority.
- The Provost then extended his congratulations to Senate President Andrea Wheeler and President-Elect Jon Perkins on a successful year, and expressed his optimism for continuing working together in the forthcoming year.

6. Unfinished Business – 4:05 p.m.

- a. Name Change: Interdisciplinary Design [21-21] – Bennett-George
Second reading of the motion; no further discussion. Motion was adopted by a voice vote.
- b. Incomplete Policy [21-22] – Bennett-George
Second reading of the motion; no further discussion. Motion was adopted by a voice vote.
- c. B.S. Climate Science [21-23] – Bennett-George
Second reading of the motion; no further discussion. Motion was adopted by a voice vote.
- d. FH 5.2.2 Inclusion of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Faculty Review Section [21-24] – Frank
Second reading of the motion; no further discussion. Motion was adopted by a voice vote.
- e. Solidarity with Ukraine Resolution [21-25] – Kovnir
Second reading of the motion containing modified language as discussed in previous senate meeting; no further discussion. Motion was adopted by a voice vote.

7. Special Order – 4:15 p.m.

- a. Recognition of Retiring Senators – President Wheeler acknowledged the service to the Faculty Senate by those Retiring Senators listed on the projected slide. She congratulated and thanked them for their efforts and time spent as a representative of their department and college.
- b. Passing of the Gavel – Following Faculty Senate tradition, the gavel was passed from President Andrea Wheeler to President-Elect Jon Perkins. President Perkins then read a Statement of Commendation for Past President Wheeler which thanked her for her service and leadership of the Faculty Senate over the past year. This was then followed by an applause of approval by the Senate.
- c. Seating of the New Senators - New senators were seated and officially began their terms on the Faculty Senate.

8. New Business – 4:30 p.m.

- a. BA in Computer Science [21-26] – Bennett-George
First Reading – No questions about the proposal were raised. Sen. Bennett-George moved to suspend the rules requiring a second reading to expedite the processing of this degree program. A second was received, and by voice vote, the motion was adopted to waive the

second reading. The main motion coming from the Academic Affairs Council to approve the BA in Computer Science was then voted on by voice vote, and the motion was adopted.

- b. Transfer Deficiencies Policy [21-27] – Bennett-George
First Reading – No questions were received at this time. Action will be continued as a second reading in Fall 2022.

9. Announcements – 4:40 p.m.

- a. Faculty Senate President
President Perkins addressed the Senate with a statement that had three primary foci: 1) We are one faculty and that we collectively believe in the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. 2) We can make a difference at the University as a collective body of faculty participating in shared governance. 3) We need to ask the question “Why are we here?” to set priorities and actions needed to make the university a better place while performing our jobs and executing the mission of the University.
- b. Faculty Senate President-Elect
President-Elect Bennet-George reported that the U.S. Diversity Committee is continuing work on implementing the new requirements, and is adopting a rubric to be used for course review. Further details about submitting courses for review and the evaluation process will be distributed in the Fall 2022 semester.
- c. Senior Vice President and Provost (moved to follow item 5 above)
- d. P&S Council – No report
- e. Student Government - Representative stated that they look forward to working with the Faculty Senate next year.
- f. GPSS – No report.

10. Good of the Order – 4:55 p.m.

- Sen. Beresnev – Reminded the Senate of the Task Force that worked on the Student Evaluation of Teaching committee report has been submitted, and that no significant progress has taken Place over the past 3 years. When will we make this a priority?
- Sen. Oberhauser – Wanted to express her thanks, and thanks on behalf of the Faculty Senate, to Sherri Angstrom for her continued excellent service in keeping the Senate operating and for her assistance and support of the Senate’s councils and committees.
- Sen. Smiley – Read and clarified name(s) on the list of retiring senators, and thanked all of them for their service.

11. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Wallace, Secretary - ISU Faculty Senate