



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2023 – 3:30–5:00 P.M.

SUNROOM, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Al Shihabi, D.; Anderson, M.; Armstrong, P.; Behnken, B.; Bennett-George, S.; Berger, D.; Bigelow, T.; Bolser, K.; Burrough, E.; Cho, M.; Cook, K.; Cutrona, C.; Daniels, T.; Davis, R.; Day, T.; Dubisar, A.; Faber, C.; Fleming, C.; Frank, M.; Freeman, S.; Gillette, M.; Hernandez, B.; Hornbuckle, B.; Janvrin, D.; Kang, S.; Kedrowski, K.; Kovnir, K.; Kreider, B.; Lutz, R.; Mao, H.; Martin, M.; Mellata, M.; Morgan, E.; Munkvold, G.; Padgett-Walsh, C.; Parsa, R.; Perkins, J.; Peters, D.; Poplin, A.; Prabhu, G.; Reddy-Best, K.; Robertson, A.; Schaal, M.; Schieltz, J.; Schrier, T.; Smalley, S.; Smiley, A.; Wallace, R.; Watanabe, O.; Wheeler, A.; Wilgenbusch, E.; Winer, E.; Wood, A.; Wu, C.; Wu, H.; Xiang, C.; Zarechnyy, O.; Zerbib, S.

Absent: Bardhan, R.; Denizel, M.; Dewell, G.; Hall, S.; Hanson, V.; Johnson, D.; McGrail, M.; Micich, A.; Obbink, M.; Peterson, D.; Pistolesi, S.; Roe, K.; Rosentrater, K.; Shin, Y.; Stacy-Bates, K.; Svec, C.; Townsend, T.; Vary, J.; Wade, N.; Wang, Q.; Williams, C.

Substitutes: S. Schmitz-Esser for Lonergan, E.; S. Fei for Nair, A.; A. Passalacqua for Schwartz, C.

Guests: Wickert, J. (Provost); Bratsch-Prince, D. (Assoc. Provost); VanDerZanden, A. (Assoc. Provost); Jordan, T. (Asst. Provost); Knief, A. (Parliamentarian); Budlong, J. (Univ. Relations); Clellan, J. (ISU Daily).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Perkins at 3:33 p.m.

- a. Seating of Substitute Senators - As listed above, three substitute senators were seated.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. FS Agenda April 18, 2023 – [22/A/9]
- b. FS Minutes April 4, 2023 – [22/M/8]
- c. FS Docket Calendar – [22/C/9]

The Consent Agenda was adopted by acclamation, without opposition.

3. Special Order: Vision for the Division of Operations and Finance - Shawn Norman, VP Operations and Finance

- Vice President Norman introduced himself to the Faculty Senate and note that he had been in his position at Iowa State for approximately 100 days.
- He explained that upon arriving to ISU, he has prioritized completing a comprehensive overview of the operations of the division, and he has enlisted the assistance of the firm Grant Thornton International to examine the operation, organization, and policies used in the Division of Operations and Finance.
- Mr. Norman assured the Senate that there are no plans to remove the Resource Management Model, but will investigate ways to potentially improve it.
- Additionally, there is a developing plan to improve communication within the Division, as well as with other units of the university.
- The initial evaluation is anticipated to be completed by June 2023.
- While these reviews are taking place, he is also examining the functions and structure of Workday to determine if additional efficiencies can be gained.
- As of this presentation, he stated that there was no full vision for the Division until these reviews and summaries become available which will direct priorities and future initiatives.

4. Special Order: Election of Council Chairs

- President Perkins announced the election for Council chairs, and called three times for additional nominations from the floor. None were received; nominations were closed.
- Senator Michael Martin moved to cast an omnibus ballot to accept all three candidates for the three Council Chair nominated positions, obviating the need to vote. A second was received by Senator Armstrong. The motion was adopted by voice vote, without opposition.
- The three senators elected to chair Faculty Senate councils were:
Jennifer Schieltz – Academic Affairs
Brian Hornbuckle – Faculty Development and Administrative Relations
Tim Bigelow – Resource Policies and Allocations

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Discontinuation of B.A. in Speech Communications Major – [22-21] – Parsa
 - Senator Parsa described the proposed discontinuation, citing declining enrollment of current Speech Communication majors (<5). To date, he has received no further comments or concerns about the proposed discontinuation. This is the second reading of the proposal. The motion was adopted by voice vote, without dissent.

5. New Business

- a. None.

6. Announcements

- a. Faculty Senate President - Perkins
 - President Perkins reminded the senators that at the end of the last Faculty Senate meeting of the semester (May 2nd) there will be a reception and social gathering at the completion of the meeting that is sponsored by the Provost.
 - He then announced that faculty a few faculty are still needed to host brief visits for members of the Board of Regents during their visits to ISU on April 27th and May 4th. Volunteers to host a regent during these visits or suggestions of faculty who might be willing to host should be forwarded to Rob Wallace who is coordinating the regent visits.
 - Finally, President Perkins thanked and formally acknowledged the members of the Executive Board and recognized their efforts and contributions to the operation of the Senate during the past year that he has served as President.
- b. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Bennett-George
 - President Elect Bennett-George wanted to express her thanks to those senators and faculty who agreed to serve as new council and committee chairs.
- c. Senior Vice President and Provost – Wickert – No report
- d. P&S Council – No report
- e. Student Government – No report.
- f. Graduate and Professional Student Senate – No report.

7. Good of the Order

- Senator Eliot Winer spoke as a senator cycling off of the Senate and stressed the important job that we all do as senators. He valued the agreements, disagreements, and ‘spirited discussions’ that senators have among themselves and with administrators. He stated that, “Shared governance is really important to all of us.” Senator Winer thanked his colleagues on the senate and looks forward to further progress as the Senate continues to contribute to governance of the university in the future.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm [**Total meeting time: 15 minutes**]

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Wallace, Secretary - ISU Faculty Senate
