



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 3:30–5:00 P.M. SUNROOM, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Armstrong, P.; Bardhan, R.; Behnken, B.; Bennett-George, S.; Bhattacharyya, R.; Bigelow, T.; Blankenship, K.; Bolser, K.; Butler, A.; Cho, M.; Cho, Y.; Cook, K.; Cordoba, J.; Cowan, A.; Cunnally, J.; Cutrona, C.; Daniels, T.; Deam, D.; Denizel, M.; Faber, C.; Fleming, C.; Frank, M.; Freeman, S.; Gillette, M.; Griffiths, P.; Hanson, V.; Holtkamp, D.; Hornbuckle, B.; Janvrin, D.; Jia, Y.; Kedrowski, K.; Lavrov, D.; LeSar, R.; Li, Q.; Lonergan, E.; Mao, H.; McGrail, M.; Mellata, M.; Munkvold, G.; Nair, A.; Oberhauser, A.; Parsa, R.; Perkins, J.; Peters, D.; Pistolesi, S.; Prabhu, G.; Schaal, M.; Schieltz, J.; Schmitz-Esser, S.; Schrier, T.; Segner, A.; Smalley, S.; Smiley, A.; Smith, D.; Stacy-Bates, K.; Svec, C.; Vary, J.; Wallace, R.; Wang, Q.; Wheeler, A.; Wilgenbusch, E.; Wood, A.; Wu, H.; Zerbib, S.

Absent: Bagley, R.; Davis, R.; Day, C.; Day, T.; Dewell, G.; Obbink, M.; Olsen, M.; Poplin, A.; Reddy-Best, K.; Robertson, A.; Rosentrater, K.; Shin, Y.; Townsend, T.; Zarechnyy, O.; Zenti, S.

Substitutes: Miller, G. for Kovnir, K.; Westort, C. for Martin, M.; Tsai, K. for Xiang, 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); Taylor, C. (SG); Cecil, A. (SG); Boylston, T. (Chair ASAC).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Sarah Bennett-George at 3:32 p.m.

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

2. Consent Agenda

- a. FS Agenda September 12, 2023 – [23/A/1]
- b. FS Minutes May 2, 2023 – [22/M/10]
- c. FS Docket Calendar – [23/C/1]

The Consent Agenda was adopted by voice vote, without opposition.

3. Special Order: Recognition of Jon Perkins as Faculty Senate President

- Faculty Senate President Sarah Bennett-George read a statement of commendation about Past President Jon Perkins for his leadership of the Senate over the past

Academic Year, and for his service to the Faculty Senate since 2017. The body showed its appreciation to Dr. Perkins with a hearty round of applause.

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Course Waitlist Policy [22-22] – Schieltz
 - Sen. Schieltz reviewed the proposed policy and explained the process of how the waitlist would work, and the role the Registrar’s Office and automated Workday Student system would play. Topics regarding specific situations of priority for graduating students with the waitlist sequence and extenuating circumstances were discussed, including the add-override process that could be used, if needed. It was also noted that departments can designate sections or seats for majors
 - Sen. Butler noted that the responsibility lies with students and advisers to determine extenuating circumstances.
 - Sen. Cutrona stated that in the Dept. Psychology there has been a waitlist generated “locally” for graduating seniors and asked how the proposal would affect this practice. ASA Committee Chair Terrie Boylston responded that the policy focuses on establishing the general procedures that can be used for the waitlist processes that can be handled by Workday Student, and that there are still mechanisms in place that could be used for over-rides to enroll prioritized students.
 - With no further questions or comments, a vote on the policy was taken. The policy was adopted by voice vote, albeit not with unanimous approval; there were some dissenting [minority] votes heard.
- b. Scholastic Recognition [22-23] – Schieltz
 - The proposal to establish a ‘President’s List’ recognition was reviewed.
 - There were no comments received since the first reading on the floor of the Faculty Senate on September 12th.
 - A vote on the policy was held; the policy was adopted unanimously by voice vote, with no dissenting votes.

5. New Business

- a. Name Change: Department of the Earth, Atmosphere, and Climate [23-1] – Bennett-George
 - The proposal to change the name of the Department of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences to the ‘Department of Earth, Atmosphere and Climate’ was introduced for its first reading
 - Sen, Butler asked why “science’ was removed from the proposed name. Dept. Chair Franz stated that ‘science’ is implicit in the proposed name.
 - No further comments were received.
- b. 1) BFA in Integrated Studio Arts; 2) BA in Art and Design (Art and Culture option – studio art focused); and 3) BA in Art and Design (Visual Culture Studies option – art history focused) [23-2] – Schieltz

- The proposal to separate the current major in Integrated Studio Arts to individual degrees: BFA in Art, BA in Studio Art, and BA in Art History, recognizing current focus areas of the degree; these were introduced for the first reading.
 - It was noted that there will be no curricular changes required, and no financial or personnel changes will be required to establish the three separate degrees.
 - No further comments were received.
- c. Out of Term Schedule Change Policy [23-3] - Schieltz
- Sen Schieltz explained how the proposed schedule change policy would work regarding changes of a student's schedule outside of the normal allowed change period, and how this would be handled at the Registrar's office and with transcript and degree audit systems.
 - The item will appear on the October 10th Faculty Senate meeting agenda for its second reading.
- d. Proposed Bylaw Change Article VI, Section 3 - Academic Affairs Council [23-4] – Frank
- Sen. Frank explained that the proposed action was to amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article 6, Section 3 – Academic Standards and Admissions, to add non-voting members to the committee for better representation from academic advisers.
 - The item will appear on the October 10th Faculty Senate meeting agenda for its second reading.

6. Announcements

- a. Faculty Senate President – Bennett-George
- President Bennett-George thanked those faculty who had volunteered to be added to a pool of faculty from which members of Student Grievance review committees could be called upon to serve.
 - She reported that efforts continue to modernize the structure of the Graduate Council and move it within the Faculty Senate structure (Academic Affairs Council). She thanked Senators Steve Freeman and Ajay Nair, and Graduate College Dean Bill Graves.
 - President Bennet-George also noted that she, President Elect Parsa, and Past President Jon Perkins will be meeting with the Board of Regents DEI Review Committee on September 27th. Faculty wanting to contribute ideas, thoughts or concerns should contact her prior to that date.
- b. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Parsa
- President-Elect Parsa had no announcements.
- c. Senior Vice President and Provost – Wickert
- The Provost reported a successful New Faculty Orientation program was held over the past few weeks.
 - He wanted to thank faculty and staff for adapting quickly to the recent Power Plant shut down and quickly moving classes on-line, as well as for their understanding

about the situation, noting that the resiliency of faculty in responding to the situation was remarkable.

- Dr. Wickert announced that the official 10-day enrollment number was 30, 177 students – 208 more than last year, and over 300 more than was projected. Direct form High School first year admission number was approximately 5,800 (a 15% increase over 2020). Graduate student enrollment is up by 116 students over last year (131 new graduate students this Fall). He also noted that the number and diversity of countries from which graduate students were recruited has changed, and is much broader than in previous years.
- The Board of Regents Diversity Equity and Inclusion Review Committee continues to evaluate the DEI activities at all three Regents institutions and continues to gather information from each university. A ban on new DEI initiatives at Regents institutions remains in effect.
- The provost concluded his remarks by requesting that all ISU faculty complete their First Amendment and Free Speech training .
- He then took questions from senators:
 - Sen. Oberhauser asked if there is any further information available on the DEI situation from the Regents – Dr. Wickert replied that he met with the committee on August 2nd, and since then there has been no additional information from the committee that has been released. He stated that the interactions with the committee have been very professional and collegial, and that he felt that he was being heard. He does not know what the report will contain or what it might look like. It is anticipated to be presented publicly at the November 2023 Board of Regents meeting and will be voted on to accept the report before it is forwarded to the Governor and the Legislature.
- d. P&S Council – No report
- e. Student Government
 - Alex Cecil reported that efforts are being made to work on issues of retention and recruitments of students to serve in Student Government positions.
- f. Graduate and Professional Student Senate
 - Efrain Rodriguez Ocasio announced that the GPSS is attempting to build better relationships with stakeholders and to establish better communication channels. They want to increase the overall visibility of GPSS.
 - He also noted that GPSS would like to position themselves as mediators if unionization takes place among graduate students.

7. Good of the Order

- New senators were reminded to stay for the new senator orientation held immediately following the conclusion of the meeting. No further comments were provided.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm

At the conclusion of the Faculty Senate meeting, a training session was held for newly seated Faculty Senators that was led by Governance Council Chair Matt Frank and Parliamentarian Amanda Knief.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Wallace, Secretary - ISU Faculty Senate
