

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 – 3:30–5:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION**

Present: Amidon, K.; Arndt, G.; Bhattacharya, J.; Bigelow, T.; Biggs, S.; Bird, S.; Brown, J.; Burke, B.; Butler, A.; Byars, J.; Chaudhuri, S.; Componation, P.; Cunnally, J.; Dark, V.; Dell, B.; Eisman, A.; Essner, J.; Faber, C.; Fei, S.; Freeman, S.; Han, G.; Harding, C.; Hendrich, S.; Herrmann, P.; Hill, J.; Janvrin, D.; Jung, S.; Jurenka, R.; Keren, N.; Kong, S.C.; Koziel, J.; Kuo, M.; Kushkowsky, J.; Leigh, P.; Looney, M.; Manu, A.; Martin, P.; Martin, R.; Minion, C.; Nelson, S.; Niemi, J.; Olson, J.; Paschke, T.; Pleasants, J.; Russell, D.; Sanders, E.; Schalinske, K.; Seegar, C.; Selby, M.; Smiley-Oyen, A.; Stalder, K.; Stone, L.; Sturm, J.; Suzuki, Y.; Taylor, G.; Tuckness, A.; Wallace, R.; Ware, W.; Weber, E.; Whitley, D.; Whitley, E.; Zarecor, K.; Zhu, D.

Absent: Agarwal, S.; Anderson, C.; Beattie, G.; Chimenti, D.; Cooper, E.; Dahlstrom, M.; Dekkers, J.; Griffiths, P.; Hartzler, B.; Horwitz, J.; Owen, M.; Prieto, L.; Rosenberg, E.; Schaefer, V.; Williams, C.; Zhao, Y.

Substitutes: T. Day for Greenlee, H.; S. Beckman for Napolitano, R.; J. Thompson for Stevenson, G.;

Guests: Rosacker, E. (University Relations); McNichol, T. (Parliamentarian); Ferguson, D. (ISU Daily); Bauer, Z. (GSB); Bock, A. (AFSCME)

I. Call to Order

A. Seating of Substitute Senators

President Dark called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and seated the substitute senators.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Faculty Senate May 7, 2013 - [S12/M/10]

B. Agenda for September 10, 2013– [S13/A/1]

C. Calendar – [S13/C/1]

President Dark proposed to modify the agenda so that the Good of the Order would take place at 4:25 p.m. and the senate would adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Senator Freeman moved to accept the agenda so modified, and Senator Minion seconded. The motion passed without dissension.

III. Special Order: Tim Day, Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Day reported on data collected in the spring by the Academic Integrity Committee. The average GPA of athletes is 2.94, which is comparable to the average GPA of the student body (2.91). The NCAA pays special attention to the Academic Progress Rate (APR), which is four-year average. The NCAA is imposing new standards for eligibility for postseason play, raising the minimum APR from 900 to 930. The only borderline

program is football (currently with an APR of 928), but the low score is from 2008-9, when there was a coaching change.

Day reported that there has been improvement in the first semester performance of special admittance athletes. ISU has become better at addressing the needs of underprepared students.

There have been changes in NCAA standards of initial eligibility and junior collegiate eligibility rules.

Day spoke to the violations investigation. The fuller investigation revealed that there were multiple impermissible contacts, including coaches not properly logging missed calls. ISU imposed penalties (accepted by NCAA) to modify the monitoring practices, reduce recruiting activity, and serve two years probation (which would not keep ISU out of postseason play, but would if there were more violations).

IV. Announcements and Remarks

A. Faculty Senate President

1. Executive Board Activities

The Faculty Senate Executive Board issued a statement of support of the closing of the Harkin Institute. ISU administration appreciated the support when the matter came before the Board of Regents for approval.

The Executive Board also met with ISU President Leath and Provost Wickert in August. A summary of the confidential meeting will be posted to the Faculty Senate website.

2. New Faculty Senate website

Sherri Angstrom put a lot of work into updating and improving the website. The new website is much easier to navigate, and President Dark is optimistic that it will improve communication.

3. LEARN (learn.provost.iastate.edu)

The Learning Ecosystems Assessment and Review of Needs committee's assessment is well under way. MindWires, an educational consulting firm, has been hired to provide background on trends in higher education, online learning, different kinds of learning management systems, and classroom technology. Faculty, staff, and student focus groups will meet throughout September. In October a survey will be distributed to all faculty and appropriate P&S staff. By November the committee hopes to use the data to make an informed decision about learning management systems.

4. Joint Task Forces with Provost's Office

One new task force in development will review Position Responsibility Statements across campus. Another task force on scholarship of engagement and outreach has members.

5. Communication

President Dark reported that there had been some changes made where Faculty Senate was not consulted. President Dark exhorted senators to report back to their departments the business of the senate and to bring forth the business of the departments. Communication must be both ways. She provided an overview of the organization of Faculty Senate and a brief description of the duties of different committees and councils. She asked senators to stay after the meeting for a brief caucus meeting.

6. Government of the Student Body

Zachary Bauer, representative of GSB, reported that GSB has been working to reconcile a financial situation. GSB also seeks to increase student fees by \$1.40 per semester, and ISU President Leath has agreed. The increase in enrollment has contributed to a greater number of clubs and therefore greater need for funding. GSB is also working on developing a bike-share program, and is looking for faculty advisors to shepherd the program.

B. Faculty Senate President-Elect

No report.

C. Provost

Provost Wickert and Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince were at the Board of Regents meeting, and Associate Provost Holger was unavailable. President Dark delivered their remarks.

1. Increased Enrollment

The official enrollment number would be announced at the Board of Regents meeting. The enrollment exceeded projections.

2. Lecture on Academic Freedom

The Provost's Office is co-sponsoring a lecture by Matthew Finkin (UIC) entitled "The Strange Saga of Academic Freedom and the Law" at 8 p.m. in the Sun Room on September 30.

3. Vice President of Research Search

LAS Dean Schmittmann and Associate Provost Holger will co-chair the committee, which has not been formed yet.

4. President Leath's High Impact Hires Initiative

Central Administration will contribute \$1.5 million in conjunction with financial commitments from the colleges to hire tenured or tenure-eligible faculty in high impact areas.

5. President Leath's State of the University Address

President Leath's address will take place on September 13 at 8 a.m. in the Great Hall.

V. Unfinished Business

**A. Bylaws Article II, Section 9 Eligibility of Faculty Senate Members – [S12-24]
- Dark**

There was no discussion. The motion passed without dissension.

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Good of the Order

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Senator Freeman moved, and Senator Wallace seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 — 3:30-5:00 P.M., SUN ROOM, MU

Respectfully submitted October 2, 2013,

Annemarie Butler
Faculty Senate Secretary