Minutes of Academic Affairs Council Meeting of Faculty Senate
2:00 pm on September 25, 2020

1. **Opening:** Chair Sarah Bennett-George welcomed these members to the September 25, 2020 meeting of the Academic Affairs Council of the Faculty Senate: Don Beitz (CALS), Rahul Parse (BUS), Sung Kang (DES), Eric Cochran (ENG), Katy Swalwell (HSC), Karl Bolser (VET), Brian Behnken (LAS), Tom Brumm (Curr. Chair), Terri Boylston (ASA Chair), Courtney Vengrin (Outcomes Chair), Ann Smiley (Student Affairs Chair), and Christopher Paulson (Student Government). Ann Marie VanDerZanden (Assoc. Provost) was a guest. Don Beitz was selected to serve as secretary for this meeting.

2. **M.S. Degree Program in Artificial Intelligence:** After some discussion, a motion made by Tom Brumm of the Curriculum Committee was approved to support the establishment of an M.S. degree program in Artificial Intelligence (LAS) at Iowa State University.

3. **Discontinuation of Biorenewable Resources & Technology Interdisciplinary Graduate Program:** After discussion, a motion made by Tom Brumm of the Curriculum Committee was provisionally approved to recommend discontinuation of the Biorenewable Resources & Technology interdisciplinary graduate program. Current students with that major will be allowed to complete their programs of study. Chair Sarah Bennett-George will bring back to the Council if she determines the voting record for prior approval (not available at Council meeting) is in fact in agreement with discontinuation.

4. **Instructor Signature for Period 2 Drops:** Terri Boyleston led discussion about the need for instructors to approve a student’s drop of his or her course. Because two programs (in Education and Vet Med) see a need for approval, the Council agreed by consensus to not propose a change from requiring instructor approval for a Drop during Fall 2020 semester. Sarah Bennett-George will take our pro/con discussion to the Executive Committee of Faculty Senate for quick resolution.

5. **Student Quarantine Based on Seating Charts:** Ann Smiley questioned the need to quarantine students who were 6 feet apart of other students with COVID-19 in a classroom. Because it is difficult to ensure 6-foot distancing, current policy is for a quarantine to be recommended for those exposed. Opinions on both sides of the issue of quarantining were expressed during discussion. Sarah Bennett-George agreed to take the discussion to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm after a call for Good of the Order announcements.