IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2013
3:20-5:20 P.M.
107 LAB OF MECHANICS

Members Present: Bratsch-Prince, D. (Associate Provost); Butler, A. (Secretary); Componation, P. (Engineering); Cunnally, J. (Governance); Dark, V. (President); Freeman, S. (RPA); Hendrich, S. (Past President); Hermann, P. (Business); Holger, D. (Associate Provost); Martin, R. (CALS); Minion, C. (Veterinary Medicine); Owen, M. (J & A); Rippke, S. (Parliamentarian); Russell, D. (Human Sciences); Schalinske, K. (President-Elect); Smiley-Oyen, A. (FDAR); Sturm, J. (LAS); Wallace, R. (Academic Affairs); Wickert, J. (Senior Vice President and Provost)

Substitutes: Taylor, G. (for K. Zarecor)

Guests: Tuckness, A.; Reilly, P.

I. Call to Order
President Dark called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

II. Consent Agenda
A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting December 3, 2013
B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting November 5, 2013
Approved unanimously.

III. Senior Vice President Business and Finance Warren Madden and Jerry Stewart, Department of Public Safety

Although the ISU Alert system was used in this incident, Director Stewart noted that there are a variety of safety systems at ISU: outdoor warning system, emergency phones, peepholes, deadbolt locks, safety escorts, people in residence halls, motor assist program, etc. in addition to the mass notification system.

VP Madden said that ISU President Leath has asked him to pull together recommendations. Can we improve the alert and notification systems to be more responsive? IT has been asked to evaluate new systems and upgrades. There were some technical failures on November 4; not everyone in the database was notified. Although the systems is regularly tested, the Google problem was not present when the system was last tested in October. IT has fixed the problem. Right now, people volunteer to have their names included; should they be required? On this point, Director Stewart added that there is no way to control the hours of day when the notifications occur or the area of town notified. Students may opt out of the system, and faculty and staff may opt in.

VP Madden observed that the system is designed especially for providing information about imminent threats. Social media users may prefer a more interactive technology rather than a message delivery system. But in this case there was no ongoing threat, and
DPS resources were better directed at the crime scene than sending messages out. Who would be the people or resources to send out messages? While Diana Pounds could send out a mass message, there would need to be a mechanism to get accurate factual information to her.

VP Madden also noted the problem raised by faculty, who want to know what to tell students when in classroom across campus from incident. Do they stay? Go? He recommended that faculty review where doors and exits are. DPS has administered 150 safety programs. Can we expand and develop training programs? Should they be voluntary or required? Do we have a mechanism for that?

Another issue concerns pursuits on campus. The current policy that DPS follows authorizes officers involved to decide whether to continue pursuit (to reduce risk) or stop. This requires judgment calls in a short time (4 minutes in this case). The officers in that situation are in a different place from where we are reflecting. Officers were following a truck at 60-70 mph, and they didn’t know that he was unarmed. They did know that the truck was stolen and that the truck had rammed a police car, turning it 90 degrees.

VP Madden noted that it was fortunate that the incident occurred during class period, not transition period. He opined that the pursuit may have helped to prevent further injury, as sirens of following cars may have alerted people that something was going on. He refused to speculate about how things would have had the officers decided not to pursue the truck.

VP Madden reported that the Story County attorney decided that officers’ actions were appropriate. We’re going to review our pursuit policies. ISU Public Safety has a mutual agreement with Ames and Story County police to permit crossing the boundaries of campus. VP Madden thought that this was probably appropriate.

President Dark pressed VP Madden on the process by which he would develop recommendations to give to ISU President Leath. She had conveyed to FS that there would be FS input. She asked VP Madden whether and how FS would be involved and what topics would be under discussion (e.g., policies, mandating training).

Director Stewart said that Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince is on the critical response subcommittee, which looks at training for faculty, staff, and students. They can discuss the content and timing of training, but not whether it is mandatory. Senator Owen asked whether there is faculty representation on this subcommittee. Director Stewart noted that the graduate college is represented. President Dark noted that if there were FS liaisons to these committees, then there’d be a formal conduit for faculty input.

VP Madden said that he is working with Director Stewart and IT. He intends to deliver a summary of their discussions to ISU President Leath and share it with the broader community. Provost Wickert asked whether President Dark could be a representative who could provide input. VP Madden assented, and said that she could share information with any faculty. President Dark expressed frustration. The process VP Madden described made it sound as though FS would be allowed to evaluate the recommendations after they are made, rather than providing input while the recommendations are being developed.
Senator Freeman asked whether there is a timeline for recommendations. VP Madden replied that there is no set deadline.

Senator Minion suggested that there is a problem relying on third parties to supply information to people; we need a system that we control and that students can access, such as a scroll on the ISU webpage. Director Stewart noted that we have that capacity and can convert the website to a shell. There is also the outdoor alert system, which is voice capable and tested daily. There are template messages that are ready to go. But any message depends on people supplying accurate information. Public safety is working on a system to lock down all electronic doors at once, but allowing residents to get into their residence halls. Even with such a system there would be many doors to lock manually.

IV. Announcements and Remarks
A. President
   In the interest of time, President Dark made no remarks.

B. President-Elect
   President-Elect Schalinske announced that the spring retreat will take place on Tuesday, April 22 in the Memorial Union from 8 to 1. The agenda is being developed.

C. Provost
   Provost Wickert noted that there would be faculty and staff who have received BOR awards would be recognized at the ISU BOR luncheon. He encouraged faculty to make more nominations. This year ISU had two awards, whereas Iowa and UNI had five or six.

   On the BOR agenda the new center in CALS is set to be approved. Provost Wickert also anticipated approval of the tuition and fee proposal. This will be the second year of tuition freeze for residents. Roy and Bobbi Reiman have made the largest public personal gift to ISU ($25 million). The money will be used to rejuvenate south campus, including the stadium, entrance to Reiman Gardens, parking areas near the stadium, and the east side of University Avenue.

   Interviews for VPR will take place this week and next Monday. Videos will be put on Provost’s Office website, with the option to enter comments. The deadline for input is December 13.

D. Council Chair Reports
   Senator Wallace reported that the college curriculum reports will be on FS agenda as a special order. He also reported that Academic Affairs is looking forward to setting up the new Student Affairs Committee.

   Senator Cunnally reported that Governance Council has been asked to submit proposals for modifying FH, including FH 5.2.4 on forwarding recommendations.

E. Caucus Chair Reports
   None
V. Unfinished Business

A. Suspension of Master of Public Administration Graduate program – [S13-13]
   Alex Tuckness was invited to the meeting to address EB questions about the rationale for suspension instead of discontinuation. Tuckness reported that under Mike Whiteford, LAS stated it would prefer the suspension because there’s a possibility (not likely) that this may be a politically controversial decision. The public administration program is a professional degree program. Its closest counterpart is an MBA. Tuckness compared the situation to tensions that would arise from relocating the MBA to economics. In his own case, the MPA program was smaller than Political Science. It is hard to recruit and retain faculty to MPA programs because it is less desirable to be in Political Science departments. Tuckness explained that the cause of concern about political controversy is because a significant number of MPA alumni are politically aware and politically involved. By framing the action as a suspension rather than a termination, it would not rankle the MPA alumni. If people want to insist on ISU having an MPA program, then we can figure out how much it would cost, weigh against other budget priorities.

   EB members were unconvinced that discontinuation would be politically controversial. Tuckness replied that former LAS Dean Whiteford said not to terminate the program. Senator Freeman said that if the faculty want to terminate the program, that should be proposed. Tuckness replied that it took three years to get to the proposal for suspension. Senator Wallace said that the proposal for termination could be sent directly to Academic Affairs.

   Senator Owen moved to not approve the suspension. Senator Taylor seconded. The motion was approved with some dissension.

   Senator Freeman moved to approve putting termination of the program on the FS agenda, pending Political Science’s approval. Senator Owen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Undergraduate Minor in Food and Society – [S13-2]
C. Discontinuation of Master of Agriculture in Professional Ag – [S13-3]
E. Name Change: Agriculture and Society – [S13-1]
   For items (B) through (E), Senator Wallace noted that there had been no changes. There was no discussion.

VI. New Business

A. 2014-15 College Curriculum Reports
   Passed unanimously

B. Pass/not pass - Wallace
   There was discussion about whether this item needed FS approval or whether it could be approved by the EB and simply announced at the Senate. President Dark and Senator Freeman said that actions of the Academic Standards Committee still required Senate approval. Senator Smiley-Oyen moved to put the item on the consent agenda. Senator Minion seconded. The motion passed with some dissension.
C. **Revisions to FH Chapter 7 – Owen**
Senator Owen said that the modifications were made following input from Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince and University Counsel Paul Tanaka. J&A Council considered the requested changes and kept most, but not all. The changes will bring the Handbook Language in line with federal policy. After some discussion, the changes were approved to be placed on the Senate Agenda.

D. **Revisions to FH 9.3.3 - Owen**
Senator Owen said he determined the modification was needed following a situation that developed concerning the composition of a Grievance Review Committee. The modification was approved to be placed on the Senate Agenda.

E. **Revision of FH 5.4.1 -- Cunnally**
Senator Cunnally brought this revision from Governance Council. The change clarifies the intent of the original language. The modification was approved to be placed on the Senate Agenda.

F. **Revision of Conflict of Interest Wording in FH Chapters 7 & 8 -- Cunnally**
Senator Cunnally brought this revision from Governance Council. It incorporates relevant aspects of the University Conflict of Interest and Commitment Policy, which is in the Policy Library, into the Handbook. There was much discussion and questions were raised concerning the extent to which the Handbook and Policy language must be identical. Because the hope was to have action taken on this prior to the January revision of the handbook, a motion was made to put this version of the changes on the Senate agenda with the idea that the Governance Council would meet prior to the January Senate meeting to determine what, if any, further changes were made. The motion passed with some dissent.

VII. **Executive Session**
The meeting went in to executive session at 5 pm to consider the report of the Honorary Degree Committee presented by Pete Reilly. The meeting came out of executive session at 5:15 pm.

VIII. **Approval of the December 10, 2013 Faculty Senate Agenda**
The distributed agenda was modified to reflect the changes determined during the meeting. The modified agenda was approved without dissent.

IX. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014**