IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2014
3:10-5:00 P.M.
107 LAB OF MECHANICS

Members Present: Butler, A. (Secretary); 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); Zarecor, K. (Design)

Absent: Bratsch-Prince, D. (Associate Provost)

Guests: Leath, S. (ISU President); Margrett, J. (Human Sciences); Rastetter, B. (BOR President); Thompson, J. (FS Curriculum Committee Chair)

I. Call to Order
President Dark called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. when quorum was reached.

II. Special Order: Regent Bruce Rastetter and President Steven Leath
ISU President Leath and Board of Regents President Bruce Rastetter discussed a number of issues. They noted that leaders in the Iowa Legislature as well as Governor Branstad appreciate that ISU’s tuition is low in comparison to peer universities. They discussed some potential matters for the BOR to address, including funding at UNI, the Performance Based Revenue Task Force, and the upcoming efficiency study.

III. Consent Agenda
A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting March 4, 2014
B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting February 4, 2014
Senator Wallace moved to add another curriculum item (Minor in Learning Leadership Science). Senator Owen moved. Senator Wallace seconded. The motion passed without dissension.

IV. Announcements and Remarks
A. President
1. PRS Task Force
Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince and President Dark are nearly finished populating the PRS task force. President Dark would like to send questions from last month’s EB meeting to senators and invite responses to be sent to the task force. The task force will meet following spring break.
2. Budget Advisory Committees
Nothing to report.

B. President-Elect
1. Spring Conference Agenda
President-Elect Schalinske said that the committee is waiting for final commitments from some speakers. There will be two outside speakers.

C. Provost
1. Academic Analytics
Provost Wickert said that Academic Analytics would be on campus on March 27. They will conduct training on using their database to benchmark programs relative to other universities.

2. Data Breaches
Provost Wickert noted the tax return scam that affected employees at UNI and UI. At ISU, some employees received a phishing e-mail that replicated the AccessPlus screen, informing the recipient that he or she was eligible for a raise. The decision was made to alert the campus community. Associate Provost Holger added that IT is looking into the possibility of removing information from AccessPlus that an employee would know (e.g., his or her birthdate). Provost Wickert added that other changes may concern data classification, data access, and password strength. Senator Wallace pointed out that AccessPlus passwords are limited to eight characters. He also noted that suspected scam e-mails should be forwarded to abuse@iastate.edu.

3. New Office Space
The Office of Intellect Property and Technology Transfer will move out to the old Wiley Press building on State Street. In 18 months, they will move out to the research park. It may be possible to use the building as swing space for the renovation project in Marston.

D. Council Chair Reports
1. Governance Council
Senator Cunnally said that Governance Council recommended wording changes to chapter 7 concerning academic misconduct and research misconduct. He inquired about how to have FS approve the changes. EB members agreed that it could be included in the consent agenda.

Senator Cunnally also reported that some faculty member have noticed mismatches between FH and the Provost’s website. Provost Wickert asked Senator Cunnally to forward those items to him.

2. FDAR
Senator Smiley-Oyen said that ISU President Leath had made positive comments about a modified duties policy. Provost Wickert replied that President Leath
would like to learn more about the policy, and would like to ensure that the policy includes faculty and P&S staff. He will consider this policy as he thinks about compensation and benefits.

E. Caucus Chair Reports
Veterinary Medicine met with the dean on Thursday and will participate in committee for budget consideration on Wednesday. Business will meet on March 11. Design met with the dean and the FS compensation questions helped to generate a good discussion. Human Sciences will meet with the dean next week. CALS met last week. LAS met last month with the dean and had a successful election.

V. Unfinished Business
Associate Provost Holger asked whether there is a process in place for students with good GPAs who get a C- in one of the required classes. Senator Wallace said no, and observed that it is an academic standards issue.

VI. New Business
A. Outcomes Assessment Committee Charge – [S13-16] – Wallace
The language change is to better define the purview of the committee. EB agreed with the changes in principle but the proposal needs to be put into the proper format before being brought to FS.

B. Ph.D. in Gerontology – [S13-17] – Wallace
Jennifer Margrett summarized the rationale for the new degree programs. Senator Wallace moved and Senator Owen seconded. The motion passed without dissension.

D. Discontinuation of Masters in History of Technology & Science – [S13-19] – Wallace
E. Renaming of Program: Rural, Agricultural, Technological and Environmental History – [S13-20] - Wallace
Senator Wallace noted that Mike Bailey from History was unable to attend. BOR forms do not allow for eliminating the MA and combining the remaining PhDs into a single program. Thus there are two proposals. EB members noted infelicities in the appearance, and recommended that they be fixed before coming before FS. Senator Freeman moved to send it to FS, contingent on corrections being made. Senator Smiley-Oyen seconded. The motion passed without dissension.

F. Minor in Learning and Leadership Sciences
Jan Thompson and Past-President Hendrich summarized the history of the proposal. Senator Sturm asked why Animal Science faculty voted 6-1 against the proposal. Professor Thompson said that those faculty were not sure that CALS was the right college to propose leadership courses. She replied that these courses have already been offered. Past-President Hendrich pointed out that leadership is one of the learning outcomes in CALS.
Provost Wickert asked why they did not partner with Catt Center and other areas in the university that offer similar programs (e.g., Engineering’s leadership certificate). Professor Thompson replied that the proposal is different from those programs. This proposal emphasizes the connection between learning and leadership. She does not view the proposal as competition with the other program. Past-President Hendrich added that Catt wants to be the group that works on leadership, but she thinks that there are opportunities for diverse approaches to leadership.

Senator Hermann asked whether Management was consulted. Professor Thompson said that Danny Johnson, Mark Anderson, and the person who coordinates undergraduate leadership had been contacted.

Senator Stum asked about the name of the minor. Why “sciences” rather than “science”? Why “science” rather than “art”? Past-President Hendrich replied that the minor comes from colleges that emphasize science and evidence-based practice. The program would be grounded in science about how the brain learns. Senator Sturm expressed concern that the restriction to science would cause the minor to exclude important aspects of leadership and learning.

Senator Wallace moved to put the item on the agenda. Senator Owen seconded. The motion passed with some dissension.

VII. Approval of the March 11, 2014 Faculty Senate Agenda
The appropriate changes were made. Senator Owen moved. Senator Smiley-Oyen seconded. The motion passed without dissension.

VIII. Good of the Order
Senator Owen pointed out the tension between ISU’s commitment to being a green campus and the lack of good parking places for bicycles on campus.

Senator Cunnally noted that there was a special election in Ames.

Associate Provost Holger said that he would be unable to attend the FS meeting, but the Graduate College is supportive of the Gerontology programs.

Provost Wickert said that the CYtation awards ceremony would be March 5.

President Dark said that the EB photo would be taken at the April FS meeting.

IX. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014