

**Faculty Senate Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 4, 2001  
3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Room 107 Lab of Mechanics**

**1. Call to Order:**

The Executive Board of the ISU Faculty Senate met in room 107 Lab of Mechanics on Tuesday, September 4, 2001, and was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Christie Pope.

**2. Attendance:**

- a. Present: Senators Christie Pope (ISU Faculty Senate President), Janice Dana (FCS Caucus Chair), Michael Duffy (Agriculture Caucus Chair), Michael Dyrenfurth (Education Caucus Chair), Dorothy Fowles (Chair of the Judiciary and Appeals Council), Carolyn Heising (Engineering Caucus Chair), Anthony Hendrickson (Chair of the Academic Affairs Council), David Hopper (ISU Faculty Senate Past-President), Jim Hutter (Liberal Arts and Sciences Caucus Chair), Gregory Palermo (Chair of the Council on Faculty Development and Administrative Relations), Max Porter (Chair of the Governance Council), Faye Whitaker (Associate Provost), William Woodman (Chair of the Resource, Policy and Allocations Council), Max Wortman (ISU Faculty Senate President-Elect).
- b. Absent:
- c. Substitute: no substitute members.
- d. Guests: Liz Allen (Ames Tribune Reporter)

**3. Approval of the Minutes:**

Substitute members and guests were introduced. The minutes of the June 14, 2001 Executive Board meeting were approved as submitted.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Agenda:**

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

**5. President's Announcements:**

- a. George McJimsey, Chair of the History Department, has agreed to serve as the Chair of the Faculty Senate Committee to Review the Vice President for External Affairs. The committee will review only the office and not the office holder since the office currently is filled by an interim appointment. Max Wortman moved that the

Executive Board approve the appointment of George McJimsey and the motion passed by voice vote.

- b. President Pope again thanked the members of the Ad Hoc Budget Interface Committee for their service during the Summer and announced that Ellen Rasmussen, Assistant Provost, and Mark Chidister Assistant to the President for Budget Planning & Analysis will meet with the Resource, Policy and Allocations Council at least once a semester.
- c. President Pope asked that the administration response to Faculty Senate recommendations in writing and President Geoffroy and Provost Richmond agreed to respond in writing within two weeks of receipt of Senate recommendations. Provost Richmond plans to respond via Email.
- d. The Faculty Senate budget was reduced by \$700.00 from \$16,944.00 to \$16,244.00. This reduction does not include the salary for the office secretary Sherri Angstrom.
- e. President Geoffroy has instituted a once a month breakfast meeting with members of the Faculty Senate and the P.S. Council. The Faculty Senate representation at the breakfast meetings will include the President and President Elect and 3 additional individuals invited by the Senate President. Members of the administration who will be attending will include the Provost and various Vice Presidents.
- f. The Provost will address questions submitted by faculty members at the regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meetings. Questions may be submitted by any faculty member. Questions should be sent to President Pope and she will, in turn, forward them to the Provost in advance of the meeting.
- g. Thomas Mitchell, Associate Vice President for External Affairs and President of the ISU Foundation will address the Faculty Senate at its October, 2001 meeting.
- h. As a matter of policy the Faculty Senate office will not forward Email, exceptions to this policy will only be made for Email directly related to Faculty Senate business.
- i. Chris Schilling has taken a position at another university and Connie Post has agreed to run for the office of Senate secretary. An election will be conducted at the September, 2001 Senate meeting. The election will be conducted by the Elections Committee.
- j. The Executive Board will have a lunch with the Board of Regents sometime during the Spring semester. Look for future announcements concerning this activity.

## **6. Task Force Report – Task Force on Continuing Non Tenure Track Appointments.**

David Hopper has been appointed Chair of the Task Force on Continuing Non Tenure Track Appointments to replace Christie Pope who assumed the duties of Senate President. Senator Hopper reported that the task force has not met since last Spring, however, he has done a good deal of research on issues raised during the debate during the Spring Senate meetings. A timeline of events related to this issue has been prepared and will be distributed to new and returning Senate members via Email.

Senator Hutter reiterated his concern about the use of proper procedure at the May, 2001 Senate meeting and moved that discussion of the Non Tenure Track Report and Recommendations be postponed indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Senator Phye. Following discussion, the motion failed by voice vote.

## **7. Council Reports:**

### **a. RPA Council:**

Senator Woodman, Chair of the RPA Council reported that the Council has not meet yet this semester. The first meeting of the Council will be without the Ex Officio members. Lehman Fletcher, Professor of Economics will Chair the Budget Committee. Senator Woodman stated that the RPA plans on developing two reports: 1) an analysis of the budget, and 2) a report on salaries and competitiveness. President Pope mentioned that she will be meeting with President Geoffroy once a month.

Senator Woodman reported on the activities of the University Benefits Committee (UBC). The present early retirement program will end on June 30, 2002. At present no new program has been proposed. At present the UBC is studying the rationale for the early retirement program, the Board of Regents staff recommendations, and the principles for a new policy. The phased retirement program has been extended through the year 2007.

President Pope asked the caucus chairs to go back to their caucuses and develop a plan for how they would cut 6% from their college budgets.

Proposed tuition increases were discussed. President Pope mentioned that the Board of Regents debated a 15% to 18% tuition increase and postponed deciding the level of increase until the October board meeting. Senator Hopper mentioned that the College of Veterinary Medicine is proposing a 20 plus per cent increase in tuition.

Senator Hutter raised the issue that the University Benefits Committee should be under the Faculty Senate Resource, Policy and Allocations Council. It was pointed out the University Benefits Committee is a committee appointed by the Provost.

b. Governance Council:

Senator Porter reported that there are several open Senate seats and the governance council is working to fill them.

## **8. Old Business**

Senator Hutter reported that Governance Structure and Documents Committee are working on two amendments to the Bylaws, the changes will be in Article 2, Section 14 and Article 6 Section 1. The amendments will be submitted to the Governance Council.

## **9. New Business**

President Pope reported on the activities of MGT America the consulting firm hired by the Board of Regents to study regents institutions with a goal of making them more efficient, effective and accountable. President Geoffroy has appointed a Task Force on University Strategic Effectiveness and Budget Priorities which is chaired by Provost Richmond to work with the consulting firm. The consulting firm will meet with the Executive Board. The short term goal for the consulting firm is make recommendations for areas of further study. The consulting firm's report is due the end of October.

In to promote discussion of what the Executive Board would recommend to the MCT America review team, Max Wortman moved that the Executive Board go into a committee of the whole. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. A point of order was raised as to rather the committee of the whole discussion was an open (public) or closed session. Following debate the members of the board determined that the committee of the whole was an opened session since no motion was specifically made to enter a closed session.

Board members discussed a broad range of issues including: the declining number of faculty, the record enrollment, capping enrollment, comparison of duplication across the regents institutions, the loss of teaching assistants, the decline in the quality of education, and organizational restructuring. Following the discussion, it was moved that the board come out of a committee of the whole and the motion was passed by voice vote.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

David Hopper

Interim Secretary