

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Minutes
October 8, 2002
3:10-5:00 p.m.
107 Lab of Mechanics

I. Call to Order –

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 by Max Wortman

Present:

Absent:

There were no substitute members.

II. Consent Agenda –3:15 p.m.

A. Minutes, Executive Board, September 3, 2002

B. Agenda, Executive Board, October 8, 2002

Approved

III. Announcements and Remarks –3:15 p.m.

A. President

1. Appointments --- Councils and Committees

The committee and councils have been nearly filled. Some vacancies remain.

2. Nominations

a. ADA Transition Committee

President Geoffroy has asked for the names of three faculty members to serve on this committee.

b. Task Force on Changing the Calendar

President Geoffroy has asked for the names of 6 to 8 faculty members to serve on this task force.

c. Secretary of the Faculty Senate

No names have been submitted to serve as Secretary of the Senate. All are encouraged to make nominations.

3. President's Council

Max Wortman reported on a number of items that were discussed at the President's council.

4. Professional and Scientific Council

Max Wortman reported on a number of items that were discussed at the P&S council. Several of these were issues that have been previously discussed by the Senate

5. Potential restructuring of University units --- now and in the future

Jack Girton reported on a number of items that have arisen with regards to department restructuring. There was discussion about how department restructuring had been done in the past and concerns about how the Senate deals with these items. A general consensus was that the faculty, acting through the Senate must exercise their shared governance responsibility in these matters. There was consensus that the Executive board needs to examine our mechanisms for having input into reorganization decisions. We do not want the faculty to become a rubber stamp, yet we do not want to impede the

progress of reorganization by a slow, detailed review process. Jack Girton agreed to examine the current situation in the Biological Sciences and in Engineering (as possible test cases) and prepare a report containing recommendations for the Executive board.

B. President-Elect

1. Greenlee School Task Force Report (release)

Jack Girton reported that the Greenlee School task force has completed its report. The report is scheduled to be released to the Executive and to the Greenlee School faculty on Friday, Oct. 11. This will constitute a public release of the report. The report has been discussed with President Geoffroy and has been given to former Provost Richmond as a courtesy, and he has been invited to respond.

C. Provost

Provost Allen reported that he had no issues to discuss.

IV. Reports (Only items for Action at September 10, 2002 Faculty Senate Meeting) – 3:45 p.m.

A. Councils: 3:45 p.m.

1. Governance Council:

A motion of the governance council was presented and discussed regarding the procedure for preparing nominations of faculty members to serve on university committees. After discussion, the motion was amended to read;

"We (The Gov Council) move when the university president requests from the faculty senate president nominations to university committees, the faculty senate president canvas the entire faculty for expertise and interest by modern communication methods."

The amended motion passed unanimously

2. F

A motion was made by Bill Robinson regarding the new spam filter:

Whereas AIT initiated spam filtering for all Iowa State University email on October 1, with the approach being to rate each message on a number of features commonly associated with spam and altering the message's subject line to reflect that rating,

Whereas the method currently implemented erroneously flags very large numbers of legitimate messages, while also missing a substantial fraction of actual spam emails,

Whereas this results in confusion for the users, the potential to erase legitimate mail and the need to manually clean up many messages before they can be forwarded,

The Faculty Senate recommends that the current spam filtering method be stopped as soon as feasible. It should either be replaced by a system that used a more effective rating algorithm, or one in which the flagging of suspicious email can be configured by the individual email user.

After discussion it was agreed (unanimously) to place this motion on the Senate Agenda

A motion was made by Bill Robinson regarding faculty university ID numbers:
That faculty be allowed to choose ID numbers that are not their social security number
for use by ISU.

After discussion it was approved (unanimously) to place this on the Senate agenda.

A motion was made by Bill Robinson regarding student assessment plans:

Proposals being developed for new methods of student assessment be directed through
the appropriate Faculty Senate council and then to the Faculty Senate for action.

B. Caucuses: 4:15 p.m.

No motions were presented

V. Old Business: 4:25 p.m.

A. ISU Comm Progress Report

No motions were made.

VI. Adjournment – 5:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2002
3:10-5:00 P.M.
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