

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2005**

Present: Bradbury, S. (Design Caucus); Crase, S. (FDAR); Fiore, A.M. (Human Sciences Caucus); Girton, J. (RPA); Heising, C. (Engineering Caucus); Mennecke, B. (Business Caucus); Palermo, G. (President-Elect); Phye, G. (Human Sciences Caucus); Robinson, W. (Judiciary and Appeals); Roskey, C. (Academic Affairs); Vrchota, D. (Governance); Wallace, R. (LAS Caucus); Zandbergen (Secretary)

Absent: Agarwal, S. (Past President); Baldwin, C. (President); Owen, M. (Ag Caucus); Thacker, E. (Vet Med Caucus).

Provost Office: B. Allen and S. Carlson

Guest: F. Maistrovich (ISU Daily)

I. Call to Order – 3:10 p.m.

President-Elect Palermo called the meeting to order at 3:15 in the absence of C. Baldwin.

Palermo modified the agenda:

T. Hira will attend the meeting at 4:30.

B. Robinson will be at the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and we will discuss the Part-Time Tenure appointments at that time.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:10 p.m.

A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, October 11, 2005

B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, September 6, 2005

Bradbury moved, Crase seconded, and the consent agenda was approved.

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

A. President

Palermo made the following announcements for C. Baldwin:

She noted two articles from the Chronicle for the Executive Board:

- Texas A & M-Kingsville--suspension of the Faculty Senate
- PTT tenure and implications for family leave

In regards to the RPA Council membership change discussed in the last Executive Board meeting: after consulting with the parliamentarian, she is directing the RPA Council to review the motion and determine if there should be a change in the by-laws. If not, S02-30 will not be put into effect.

Baldwin also requests Executive Board thoughts on GSB passing a resolution towards the formation of commission on biased acts/graffiti. Heising will represent the Senate.

Change in the Department of Foreign Languages name discussed at the last Faculty Senate meeting: Anthropology faculty have met with their colleagues in Foreign Languages and have come to an agreement.

Wallace asked that the vote be prefaced at the Senate meeting, that this is an advisory vote.

Palermo noted that all of our votes are advisory and that the Senate votes on this type of motion/recommendation regularly.

Wallace pointed out that there are no policies and procedures for this type of name change.

Palmero stated that the motion will include the language, "Recommends approval of the name change and positive action on this motion by the Provost."

B. President-Elect

Palermo reported on the Committee on Committees work. They still need suggestions for names as there are still 10-12 committee slots to fill.

The Spring Faculty conference has been set for March 24 and 25. The working title is "What's Your Plan for 2010: Faculty Responsibilities, Opportunities, and Realities."

They hope to have roundtable discussion sessions and an outside speaker. Palermo plans to request there be representation from each department, and that the newly tenured are especially invited.

C. Provost

Provost Allen reported on the following:

The Higher Learning Commission will be coming to campus the week after the faculty conference.

Information Technology:

He is looking at the enhancement of internet capacity and we are working with Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota to explore additional research lines across the country to better serve research and teaching. Any costs will be shared by VPs and IT. Jim Davis is also working on high performance computing.

The Provost is working on:

Budget issues:

1. Reallocation will still be part of the process

- This year it will be done centrally, as well as in the departments
There will be a focus of support on academics, which he will discuss with RPA
2. Investigating a new budget model
 3. Preparing to present a tuition policy with differential tuition (Engineering) to the Board of Regents. This already exists in Vet Med and the University of Iowa has tuition differential everywhere except in the Liberal Arts.

Searches:

Dean of Agriculture:

Candidates will be here after Thanksgiving

Extension:

Candidates will be here before Thanksgiving

Questions from the EB:

Palermo commented that the Social Security # Security policy has been approved.

Tuition allocation policy and the Engineering Discussion:

Has the information for implementation been created and submitted to the Board of Regents, or is this still a discussion point for the future?

Allen responded it is somewhat in between, it needed to be formulated for the Board, but he is still willing to discuss. It is important that we provide the cost basis for justification.

Girton pointed out there has been no real discussion at the university level about this issue. As it does have an impact on other colleges, disciplines, etc., perhaps there is a need for policy and procedures that brings all into the discussion?

Allen noted the importance of not harming other departments or the university in the financial sense.

Girton asked about academic harm?

The Provost responded that with a lack of supplemental tuition the university will subsidize Engineering, and we can't afford it.

Distinguished and University Professor Awards: The Provost presented two changes to the recently passed Senate language that he feels clarify the distinctiveness of the awards.

Executive Board review: Does this really need to happen? The Committee is already appointed by the Senate

He has heard some concern from University Professors that the value of the title might be diminished. He feels that the institutional service language might limit the award and recommend institutional activities. He is especially concerned about teaching.

Girton feels that the changes make the two awards more equal. He does worry about University Professor being a research award.

Vrchota asked how does change compare with the Handbook? She is concerned; she feels the awards need to differ and believes this takes us backward. There are many teaching awards. Should we create a teaching award? She is also worried about what seems to be a conflict between the University Professors and the review committee.

Heising feels there is widespread confusion. These language changes will not clear up the confusion.

Carlson noted that there is a long preamble that discusses the two positions.

Phye made the following points:

- Multi dimensional—feels new wording makes sense/makes it broader
- The true difference is where the impact lies

Palermo agrees with Vrchota

6.3.1.2: While review by the Executive Board may be redundant, this body has determined the criteria with the Provost providing oversight. The Executive Board should still have the right of review. He feels the proposal language changes are actually policy issues for a policy that was recently passed by the Senate. He asked how these are different from other awards.

Carlson noted that this was a recent decision and that recent University Professor nominations have all been research oriented.

Girton stated that the titles are bestowed by the Faculty, and the Executive Board represents the faculty. Otherwise, this becomes the administration bestowing something. We should have a real role.

Girton made a motion postpone discussion till the next Executive Board meeting, and Heising seconded. Bradbury added an addendum that would require us to have all language relating to the awards at that time.

The motion passed.

D. Committee/Council Reports

Academic Affairs:

They are currently discussing minor and certificate policies as the policy in catalog is not being followed. The language states that students can take any minor on campus, when there are restricted minors.

FDAR:

Are working on the second draft of the PRS policy.

J & A:

Has concluded a case and sent recommendations to the Provost.

Governance:

Porter will chair an ad hoc committee to review College operational documents
Faculty Senate constitution: revised definition of faculty

RPA:

Is looking at next year's budget and possible budget policy changes.

Engineering Caucus:

Heising will report back on the open forum held with the students to discuss the differential tuition proposal.

**Special Presentation – Tahira Hira
ISU Sesquicentennial Celebration**

T. Hira arrived and provided a report on the Sesquicentennial celebration. She distributed a handout detailing the activities/draft of events at the University level. Paul Lasley and Roger Baer are co-chairs. The History Book Subcommittee is continuing its work, and an updated history is being published. T. Hira is currently meeting with a variety of groups on campus to keep them updated and College committees are being created.

The Kickoff will be VEISHEA 2007 and will end with VEISHEA/Commencement 2008.

The main schedule will include College events and be available online.

Palermo asked if the handout is available electronically? Hira responded that this is still a draft.

Heising asked if ideas could come from the Engineering Caucus? Hira responded that this would be sent to your specific College, who will coordinate these College projects. If you have a University event, please e-mail Hira. The Senate may want to discuss sponsored a project at a future point.

Fiore asked how the Foundation is involved. Hira responded this is still being worked out with the External units, such as the Alumni Association, Athletics, ISU Foundation. The University will probably ask them to sponsor specific items such as the Gala and the traveling exhibit.

V. Old Business – 3:40

A. Use of Social Security Numbers - <http://policy.iastate.edu/drafts/>

The Social Security policy has been forwarded on to President Geoffroy.

C. Formation of the New Information Technology (IT) Committee

The Executive Board then discussed the proposal for a new standing committee, Information Technology. The rationale and charge read as follows:

Rationale: Whereas the university has consolidated information technology control under one CIO, it is necessary that the Faculty Senate have a standing that represents the voice of the faculty with regard to matters of availability, access and utilization of Information Technology (IT) for research, teaching and service activities. Given the importance of IT in faculty activities, a standing committee that monitors faculty needs and represents the faculty in matters of IT decision making is imperative.

It is proposed that the IT Committee report to the RPA Council.

a. Charge: represent faculty interests regarding IT in areas of teaching, research, and service; coordinate information and action of standing and ad hoc IT committees across campus; initiate, monitor, and revise, as needed, IT policies on campus; address IT issues of importance to the faculty and administration.

b. Membership--Voting: The voting members of the committee will be a chair and one representative from each college and from the library; in addition, not more than three members from the general faculty who have expertise in IT matters will be appointed by the Faculty Senate President.

Nonvoting: Non-voting ex-officio members will be the CIO.

c. Term of Office: Committee members will be appointed for a three-year term, renewable for a maximum of six years.

Vrchota went over the proposal and recommends that the term be changed to 3 years.

Palermo asked about the charge as he believes that the charge would invade the governance of units. The proposal needs language indicating the group is advisory to the Chief Information Officer.

Vrchota responded that this is based on the ad hoc committee experience and she will add an advisory charge to the CIO.

Girton moved to revise and add this language, Phye seconded.

Palermo questioned whether this was parallel with other committees?

Girton noted we should not write this in the charge, but should discuss with the CIO.

Palermo: Breadth of obligation in the charge?

Phye asked if this committee would serve as a conduit from above and the response was yes.

Palermo pointed out that the IT departments/policies are part of administration, as opposed to faculty.

Girton noted that IT does impact on research and teaching.

Allen noted that he agreed with Palermo's concerns and agrees that this committee will not be able to go into units, etc. Suggested working with the CIO. Girton will run language by the CIO.

The Executive Board will postpone voting on the motion till its next meeting

As the Executive Board needed to vacate the conference room, Palermo presented the approval of the amended Faculty Senate Agenda for October 18, 2005.

Girton moved, Crase seconded, and the agenda was passed.

VII. Adjourn—5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.