

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2006**

Baldwin, C. (President); Crase, S. (FDAR); Fiore, A.M. (Human Sciences Caucus); Girton, J. (RPA); Mennecke, B. (Business Caucus); Owen, Mike (Ag Caucus); Phye, G. (Human Sciences Caucus); Roskey, C. (Academic Affairs); Vrchota, D. (Governance); Wallace, R. (LAS Caucus);

Absent: Heising, C. (Engineering Caucus); Robinson, W. (Judiciary and Appeals); Zanish-Belcher, T. (Secretary)

Substitution: C. Martin for S. Bradbury (Design Caucus)

Provost Office: B. Allen and S. Carlson

Guest: P. Hernandez

I. Call to Order – 3:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:10 p.m.

- A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, February 28, 2006**
- B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, February 7, 2006**

Baldwin revised the consent agenda to include the introduction of one item of new business from the Academic Affairs Council: to delete the secondary major in pest management. The Executive Board approved the change, and approved the consent agenda.

II. Presentation: Phil Hernandez - Community – 3:15 p.m.

P. Hernandez made a presentation, on behalf of a student-led commission to respond to spray painting on campus last year. They have held open forums on campus, and have drafted the ISU Principles of Community with six specific principles: respect, purpose, cooperation, freedom from discrimination, honest and respectful expression of ideas and richness of diversity. The group will be asking for the endorsement of the GSB, Graduate Senate, the P & S Council, and the Green Community. These principles will possibly serve as the Cyclone Code of Conduct (which was being developed by the Office of Student Affairs), and Hernandez would like to discuss the faculty incorporating these into the classroom.

Mennecke asked if these would be actual plaques in the classroom?

Hernandez responded yes.

Mennecke suggested also incorporating this discussion for the incoming freshmen orientations.

Hernandez has met with the coordinators of Destination Iowa State.

Agarwal noted that the language may be inconsistent with the Faculty and Student Handbooks.

Someone noted there was no strong call to action in regards to discriminatory behavior, and Hernandez acknowledged this and has also heard this from students as well. He also asked for suggestions as to who in the campus administration should serve as gatekeeper for oversight.

IV. Announcements and Remarks – 3:30 p.m.

A. President

Baldwin made the following announcements:

- 1) The Senate was asked to comment on House File 2313, a proposed bill which would require developing a uniform system of numbering of courses making transfer of credits from community colleges to state universities transparent. Also called for oversight of articulation agreements and committees with reps from each of the community colleges and Regent institutions. We were in strong opposition.
- 2) An inquiry about a Benefits Request: 457 retirement plans, has been passed on to the University Benefits Committee. Baldwin contacted Mark Power who responded that the Committee has previously looked at this issue and rejected. He was going to check on why, and respond in more detail to Claudia.
- 3) The North Central Re-Accreditation report is on the web. FS leadership will have the opportunity to meet with the Accreditation team and supply documents to the team. Info was presented at the President's Council on Feb 3. You can find more information about the visit at http://www.iastate.edu/~inst_res_info/pages/PCR.html , click on February 2006. Input is being solicited.
- 4) Organization Changes regarding duties of the Assistant to the President for Budget Planning and Analysis will occur July 1, 2006. Baldwin asked the Provost to comment briefly on the changes. Provost Allen responded that President Geoffroy preferred that the budget decisions reside in the Provost's Office, and Ellen Rasmussen will oversee these issues.

Girton asked with the limited personnel in the Provost's Office, how would these new duties be handled?

Provost Allen responded that the President does want things organized this way and it is important as the university implements the new budget model. The Office will be able to use the salary savings available from the President's Office.

Palermo questioned how the advisory committees currently advising the President and the Provost will interact with this process. Is the budget model a done deal? What will be the faculty role?

Provost Allen feels that President Geoffroy is committed to having a new budget model. Many of these things have not yet been decided. The role of the committees, and of RPA may change.

Girton also raised issues in terms of faculty input, which was something Mark Chidester was able to bring to his position. He also agrees that the role of the RPA will need to be looked at very carefully. He is also very concerned about the time table for implementing the new budget model—the RPA has not even seen a model to react to, as of yet.

Provost Allen responded that the President does envision a 3-4 year transition period.

Girton feels that the faculty should question the President about this—which would be better, to implement the new budget model and work on creating the process, or to truly examine the implications.

Special Guests at upcoming Meetings include Dianne Bystrom: Director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics on University Committee on Women and the Women's Leadership Consortium, Mar 7; Jessica Lecy: Veisha co-chair on Veisha, Mar 7; Jamie Pollard on Athletics, March 28; President Geoffroy, April 11. Paula Morrow on Athletics, April 25

Baldwin also reported on the elections: the constitutional changes were approved, and the at-large Senators were elected. There was a brief discussion concerning the votes and those elected.

Baldwin then announced that an open forum will be held at the next P & S Council meeting on the University Budget.

Baldwin then reported that she and Sedahlia will be meeting with the LAS Representative Assembly tomorrow to discuss the recent PRS motion that was passed by the Faculty Senate.

B.A. President-Elect

Palermo announced the meeting dates for the Executive Board over the summer, and the date for the retreat with the President and Provost has been set for June 20.

C.B. Provost

The Provost has no announcements.

D.C. Committee/Council Reports

V. Old Business – 3:45 p.m.

A. Resolution on University Presidential Searches

The Executive Board discussed the resolution that was revised by B. Robinson and G. Palermo. Palermo described the changes. This will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

VI. New Business – 3:45

The Executive Board discussed the ISU Principles of Community. The Board was concerned over language, as well as who would actually oversee this as a policy. Agarwal noted that many of these issues are repeated in the strategic plan, and the plan is easier to understand. Phye noted that we need to appreciate the enthusiasm of the students, and Agarwal stated we could ask them to make their statement consistent with the strategic plan.

Baldwin asked if the Executive Board would like to send its recommendations, and do we support this activity?

Owen responded that it would illustrate having more support if it was endorsed by the entire Faculty Senate.

Girton noted there are problems with the language as it does conflict with the strategic plan—we should not endorse both.

Vrchota suggested asking them to simply revise it in accordance with the strategic plan.

Cruse suggested locating volunteers to assist with this process.

Girton again noted that these principles must fit in with all of the university's documentation relating to conduct, principles, etc.

Baldwin asked Cruse to work with the President's Advisory Committee on Diversity, as the Chair of FDAR. Cruse showed a similar example from St. Olaf's. Baldwin noted that they really want the Faculty Senate approval as they believe the President wants it approved by the Senate.

Baldwin will assign a work group to this, prior to it going before the Senate.

The Executive Board then discussed the double voting motion, presented by the Promotion and Tenure Task Force, at the last Faculty Senate meeting.

The revisions in the document will be sent to the entire Senate before the next meeting. The Board discussed further and agreed that the important thing is to halt the double voting, even if departments will have to change their procedures. Girton pointed out this is only a principle and departments are not being told how to run their P & T process.

VII. Approval of Faculty Senate Agenda for March 7, 2006 – 3:45 p.m.

The Executive Board approved the agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting.

VIII. Adjourn—5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.