

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2006**

Present: Agarwal, S. (Past President); Baldwin, C. (President); Bradbury, S. (Design Caucus); Crase, S. (FDAR); Fiore, A.M. (Human Sciences Caucus); Girton, J. (RPA); Mennecke, B. (Business Caucus); Owen, Mike (Ag Caucus); Palermo, G. (President Elect); Phye, G. (Human Sciences Caucus); Robinson, W. (Judiciary and Appeals); Roskey, C. (Academic Affairs); Thacker, E. (Vet Med Caucus); Vrchota, D. (Governance); Wallace, R. (LAS Caucus); Zanish-Belcher, T. (Secretary)

Absent: Heising, C. (Engineering Caucus)

Provost Office: B. Allen, S. Carlson, and D. Holger

Guests: M. Bugeja, S. Freeman, and A. Russell

I. Call to Order – 3:10 p.m.

Baldwin called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:10 p.m.

- A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, March 21, 2006**
- B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, February 28, 2006**

Owen moved, Wallace seconded, and the consent agenda was approved.

III. Presentation: Michael Bugeja: Facebook – 3:15 p.m.

Bugeja went over the issues involved with FaceBook and the Digital divide, such as:

- New social void/Lack of community
- Dearth of interpersonal intelligence
- E-mail habits
- New generation of learners
- Ethics of Facebook—marketing culture
- Collective challenges in academia
- Digital displacement—blurring of roles and identity/social boundaries/values
- Impact on relationships (including pets—increase of neglect)

Bugeja commented that current legislative support is funding technology at 1998 levels. It is important that we focus on the value of a residential campus.

Palermo described the concept of current students as digital native speakers v. digital second language speakers such as the faculty.

Robinson asked about strategies for resistance?

Bugeja believes that this will be a long drawn out disaster that will bring us back to fact.

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

A. President

President Baldwin made the following announcements:

J. Beetham selected for OSPA Search Committee

SUI Presidential Search: Teresa Wahlert is chair, and will select a vice chair from campus community. Membership is still to be determined.

Allen: Regent Downer said campus community can submit nominees for vice chair position.

Palermo commented that there was no clear intent that this be a member of the faculty. The concept of shared governance is apparently not a high priority with this Board of Regents.

B. President-Elect

69 are currently signed up for the Faculty Conference.

New Caucus Chairs will be determined by last April meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Phye noted the need for involvement of new faculty in terms of the spring conference.

C. Provost

Provost Allen made the following announcements:

The FY07 budget is still conjecture. We might be more successful with one-time funds (especially in regards to capital requests). The tobacco money is earmarked for economic development and it is unclear as to who will control the funds. He is concerned that the partnership proposed by the Board of Regents to the state legislature is not quite working out.

The Provost commented that all this impacts on the RPA, as well as the budget model process.

The requests for buy-in and consideration from the Faculty Senate are having an impact on President Geoffroy, and there may now be a later time frame for the new model.

Baldwin confirmed this, and described a letter sent to President Geoffroy from the Faculty Senate Presidents. An implementation plan will also occur (with the budget model development), and extend past to things can be gauged as to how they will evolve. It is very important to have faculty buy-in and a vote. President Geoffroy supports this in spirit.

The Senate has asked that the policy for academic reorganization serve as a model in regards to how discussions on implementation need to happen before any commitment.

The Board of Regents has approved 3 new programs and some fees. Palermo asked about P & T process. This still needs to be approved by the Regents.

Girton pointed out there will also be additional changes in how the university's budget will be constructed especially with responsibilities now shifted to the Provost's Office.

D. Committee/Council Reports

V. Old Business – 3:45 p.m.

VI. New Business – 3:45

A. Minor in Engineering Studies

C. Roskey, presented this proposal on behalf of the Academic Affairs Council. A. Russell gave a brief overview on having a minor for non-engineers. The goal is to provide insight into engineering methods, analysis, etc. and would lead to students being better decision-makers.

Girton asked if this minor did not indicate that they would have a level of skill in terms of engineering?

A. Russell responded yes, they would be somewhat knowledgeable. They will be taught to make calculations and conduct risk analyses, but will not have enough competence to design anything.

Palermo noted this title is minor in engineering studies, as opposed to accredited degrees. This is also common in architecture.

Girton questioned employers viewing of this. Holger noted that no one would be confused about this minor. There is also a minor for environmental studies.

Cruse asked about the split in the vote.

Russell responded. The Engineering Curriculum Committee supported the concept but in terms of budget resources, voted against the proposal.

The Engineering faculty vote fell along the same lines with 33 to 29 in support.

Palermo asked where the financial resources will come from?

Russell responded that the Engineering Dean does not plan to hire new faculty and the teaching of these courses will be undertaken by already existing faculty.

Phye asked about the purpose of the program.

Russell answered that the majority of engineering courses are rigorously guarded due to prerequisites and this will allow them to reach more students.

Russell noted that both Engineering faculty and graduating seniors have been surveyed.

Robinson asked again about resources. Won't more faculty need to be hired?

Baldwin noted the increased resources for the College of Engineering due to the tuition increase.

Phye does not think this will change the ranking of the College (whose goal is to be in the top 5 nationally).

Roskey noted that the engineering faculty had expressed their interest in this proposal. She feels that it is a good plan to get more students.

Palermo noted the proposal contradicts the concept of the surcharge where the higher-level students are paying a higher amount for additional faculty. While he supports the concept, he believes that without resources, it cannot be done.

Palermo approved forwarding this to the Senate, Owen seconded. The Executive Board approved the motion.

B. Change in the University Catalog

The Executive Board discussed the following proposed change:

Delete the following sentence in the university catalog:

“Undergraduates in any college may elect to meet the requirements of any undergraduate minor offered in the university

There are now minors available that may not be taken by all students.

Phye moved, Bradbury seconded to forward this motion to the Faculty Senate. The Executive Board approved the motion.

C. Scholarly Teaching vs. Scholarship of Teaching.

S. Freeman spoken on behalf of the Promotion and Tenure Task Force. They felt there was confusion over this issue and terminology, and have proposed wording to be included in the Faculty Handbook.

Palermo questioned the table and whether the materials must be included in the promotion and tenure portfolio.

The Task Force noted this material must be publicly shared, and must be available via peer review and evidence of outcome.

Palermo questioned the language especially in relation to community property, and suggested communally shared?

Pett commented they did not view these terms in regards to intellectual property.

Robinson suggested “publicly disseminated.”

The Executive Board discussed the need for clear language.

The Task Force will discuss and revise the text.

Owen moved, Wallace seconded and the Task Force will revise for the next Executive Board meeting.

VII. Approval of Faculty Senate Agenda for March 28, 2006 – 4:00 p.m.

Cruse moved, Owen seconded, and the Executive Board approved the Faculty Senate agenda.

VIII. Adjourn—4:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.