

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 4, 2006**

**Present:** Baldwin, C. (President); Bradbury, S. (Design Caucus); Crase, S. (FDAR); Girton, J. (RPA); Heising, C. (Engineering Caucus); Thacker, E. (Vet Med Caucus); Vrchota, D. (Governance); Wallace, R. (LAS Caucus).

**Absent:** Agarwal, S. (Past President); Fiore, A. M.; Mennecke, B. (Business Caucus); Owen, M. (Ag Caucus); Palermo, G. (President Elect); Phye, G. (Human Sciences Caucus); Robinson, W. (Judiciary and Appeals); Roskey, C. (Academic Affairs); Zanish-Belcher, T. (Secretary).

**Substitutes:** Grudens-Schuck, N. (Secretary-elect); K. Kruempel (Academic Affairs)

**Provost Office:** S. Carlson, and D. Holger

**Guests:** F. Lorenz

**I. Call to Order – 3:10 p.m.**

Baldwin called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. *See revised handout new agenda.*

**II. Consent Agenda – 3:15 p.m.**

**A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, March 21, 2006**

**B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, February 28, 2006**

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

**Announcements:**

- 1) Teresa Paske and Connie Post have been named to a committee working on Family Leave Policy changes proposed by P&S.
- 2) The FS leadership met with the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Team last week (March 27). We presented recent documents to the team and answered questions.
- 3) Last week the Daily reported, in regard to the potential move of our current provost to another university, that President Geoffroy said an interim provost would be selected from the Office of the Provost and a national search committee would be appointed to fill the position.  
This has been identified as a misstatement. The President would like to keep all options open in his identification for an interim provost *should* the need arise.
- 4) The GSB Principles of Community Commission asked the FS for their support. An EB vote, supporting the Principles, in spirit, was taken. Results 10 for and 1 opposed. Support for the Principles was forwarded to President Geoffroy.
- 5) The Office of the President (EOD and Legal Council) reviewed the policies on harassment and made changes to merge the sexual, racial and ethnic harassment policies. The combined policy was discussed at an earlier EB meeting. A representative of the FS

(S. Agarwal) reviewed the proposed changes and received input from the Handbook committee. March 13 was the deadline for comments. The only comments received were from the FS and changes were made to address these. The university policy (not a FS policy) was then recommended to the President on March 31. The FS President (C. Baldwin), having discussed this with W. Robinson, S. Agarwal, and S. Carlson, supported the changes believing that the FS review was thorough. A letter was sent to President Geoffroy supporting the changes. The President did not request a full senate vote on this issue.

6) Special Guests at upcoming meetings include President Geoffroy, April 11. Budget Model Group, April 11, and Paula Morrow on Athletics, April 25.

a. Baldwin requested that the following announcement be shared quickly and widely: April 4 e-mail announcement from J. Ham regarding Distinguished Achievement Citation Award Ceremony on Thursday April 20, hosted by on President Geoffrey.

b. Update from Holger's on accreditation visit last week. Also, raised issues regarding DMACC model of articulation and applicability to other community colleges. Questions raised about ways to improve communications regarding student success, perhaps monitoring of success in selected courses.

#### **IV. Old Business – 3:30 p.m.**

##### **A. Scholarly Teaching vs. Scholarship of Teaching**

*See also document shared via e-mail.*

Comments by Girton, Carlson, Crase: The language for the proposal came out of conversations of a national consortium of research universities, of which ISU has been a part. The proposal clarifies and distinguishes key concepts, i.e., "teaching being 'teaching' and scholarship being 'scholarship'." The intent of the proposal, particularly the table, was to improve the ability of individuals to prepare, and committees and reviewers to mentor and assess tenure and promotion activities and materials. On first bulleted list: "extends across all disciplines" but "manifested differently" language was also an improvement. This language honors differences across disciplines. Changes have improved document.

Motion from Council passed, consensus.

#### **V. New Business – 3:30**

Presented by K. Kruempel on behalf of the Curriculum Council of the FS.

##### **A. B.S. in Software Engineering (Proposal: <http://www.iastate.edu/~catalog/fscc/reports/software-engr.pdf>**

The original proposal did not receive administrative agreement and has not been signed at this point in time. LAS and Engineering College offices have a future meeting to come to agreement

as part of negotiations that have occurred over several months. Clarifications: 124.5 credits is the whole curriculum, and includes all general education requirements, but at this point it was unclear which college would be the administrative lead or home. Core is the same as the engineering core. Attendees expressed concerns regarding the following: (A) about timing with Regents catalog approval process? Holger, Thacker, Scase, Wallace, Heising, Baldwin, and Girton commented. Thacker stated that the FC Academic Affairs Council discussed the proposal and said they would not get involved in administrative details. Some additional discussion regarding the importance of, and obligation of FS to provide, oversight regarding the approval process for curricula. In this case, the obligation was proposed to extend to ascertaining a higher level of agreement among administrators from both colleges as part of approval process. (B) LAS has not protested proposal. Would likely not make the next catalog if held from FS until fall 07.

Motion from Council passed, consensus. Crase move to accept and send to FS. Seconded by Heising. Would go to FS as new business.

**B. B.S. in Business Economics (Proposal:  
<http://www.iastate.edu/~catalog/fscs/reports/bus-econ.pdf>)**

Presented by K. Kruempel on behalf of the Curriculum Council of the FS. The program expects up to 50 students, cross-college of Business and LAS. Diploma from College of Business. Acceptance subject to getting good grades in the professional program. Advised by College of Business at that point. Once in professional program major, be advised in Economics. All agreements administratively been completed. Economics track in Business will "go away" as new program enlarges. Thacker's committee approved as well.

Motion by Girton; Seconded by Heising. Approved, consensus.

**C. Foreign Travel Grant Changes**

Cruse presenting on behalf of Council to move to FS as new business. Discussion: Use tracking function when presented to FS. Passed, consensus.

**D. Faculty Senate By-Laws.**

Presented by Vrchota (Chair, FS Council on Governance). *See also summary memo April 4, 2006.* Discussion of items and rationale for changes. Function of proposal was to clarify roles of past presidents and role of president-elect for chairing committees, including Committee on Committees. General discussion of procedures for populating committees. None of the committees have elected members, but rather appointed members, with approval of president of Faculty Senate. "Serve at the pleasure of the president of the Senate." Discussion also on role of members of the Committee on Committees, which is not officially charged with chairing the spring faculty conference, although, has successfully done so the last two years. Spring conference duties will not be included in the by-laws; instead, leave caucus chair duties to president elect as is, not formally required by by-laws, but as practice and precedent that is flexible.

**E. College of Engineering Proposed Catalog Changes.**

Presented by Thacker. *See handout at meeting.* Comments by Holger, Kruempel on language. *See handout distributed at meeting.* Table 1 and Table 2 may be necessary for FS to view electronically if not too small.

Motion from Council passed, consensus.

**F. Catalog Change – Removal of Unmet High School Requirements**

Presented by Thacker. Discussion centered on intent of proposal, and on origination of language and warrant for changes in language: from University Academic Standards Committee. Admissions Office, which is part of the UAS committee, is presumed to be the originator of the idea for the proposal. About 3% of students come with HS entrance requirements as unmet. Currently, procedures on managing unmet HS requirements are purported to vary among colleges. So flexibility is requested at the level of the college. Tracking appears to be difficult through current audit system. Discussion: Crase, Girton, Kruempel, Holger, Heising, Vrchota. Changes appear to get at something fundamental in ISU requirements that could have significant repercussions because one reading of the changes would imply that ISU no longer enforces a policy of having HS requirements. Crucial to have clarity on intent as well as on wording from originators and others before document moves to the senate. Voted to return to council.

G.

**VI. Approval of Faculty Senate Agenda for April 11, 2006 – 4:30p.m.**

Girton moved, Vrchota seconded. Passed, consensus.

**VII. Executive Session – 4:35 p.m.**

Girton moved, and Crase seconded. Passed, consensus.

**Regents Faculty Excellence Awards  
University Professor Nominations – Fred Lorenz**

**VIII. Adjourn—5:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING  
April 18, 2006**