

Iowa State University Faculty Senate
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2006
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Lab of Mechanics

Present: Baldwin, C. (Past President); Bradbury, S. (Design Caucus); Crase, S. (President-Elect); Fiore, A. M. (Human Sci. Caucus); Freeman, S. (Judiciary & Appeals); Girton, J. (RPA); Grudens-Schuck, N. (Secretary); Heising, C. (Eng. Caucus); Hendrich, S. (Academic Affairs); Mennecke, B. (Business Caucus); Owen, M. (Ag. Caucus); Palermo, G. (President); Thompson, J. (Vet. Med. Caucus); Wallace, R. (LAS Caucus)

Absent: Porter, Max (Governance); Townsend, A. (FDAR).

Provost Office: Carlson, S. (Interim VP for Academic Affairs & Provost)

Guests: Rasmussen, E. (Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning); Epperson, D. (Associate Dean LAS); Vrchota, D. (Governance and Documents Committee, Governance Council)

I. Called to Order – 3:00 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:02 p.m.

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Senator Owen moved to accept, and Senator Girton moved to second with the following additions and changes: Add to agenda: Hendrich--New Business: Graduation with Distinction policy issue; and corrected misspelling of Substitute Senator Paschke's name.

III. Announcements and Remarks – 3:05 p.m.

A. President – Palermo

1. FS President Palermo and President-Elect Crase reported on a meeting with Jack Payne (Vice President for Extension and Outreach) during which he conveyed enthusiasm for distance education. On behalf of FS, Palermo and Crase emphasized that academic offerings are the province of departments and faculty; and foremost should be stimulated from and administered at that level because departments have administrative responsibility for the faculty. The discussion was expected to be ongoing between the VP-EO office and FS.

2. Regents Admissions Index (RAI). The discussion focused initially on the degree to which the process for revising the Admissions Standards for the Regents Universities included input and shared decision making by faculty. Background was provided on the process, including that fact that there was an ISU team involved which utilized data produced by RISE (also at ISU). See

also response of Senator Courteau, ASAC of AA to issue of faculty and Provosts' involvement in creation of the proposed RAI. President Palermo shared several drafts of a statement to be provided to the BOR on behalf of FS regarding a new RAI.

Senator Girton inquired whether the full Senate could or should approve before sharing with members of BOR. President Palermo agreed in principle but noted that a statement would more timely if it could be shared with BOR when the Board meets on Monday December 11, and that it would be less helpful to the BOR if the EB waited until the FS met on Tuesday December 12.

Senator Girton moved to send the memo with minor changes, as discussed; Senator Owen seconded. Carlson asked to whom it would be sent. President Palermo clarified that it would be sent directly to BOR president, with CC to ISU President Geoffroy and Provosts Carlson and Holger. The substance of the document, and any updates from the Monday BOR meeting, would then be shared as part of the FS President's report, preferably in written form and provided to Senators before the meeting.

Motion passed.

3. Religious holiday policy. [see ISU Government of the Student Body, Senate Resolution 2006-2-025 SR "Endorsing the Religious Holiday Policy Committee's Policy Recommendation."] GSB Religious holiday policy was passed. Senator Courteau (Academic Standards & Admissions Committee) recommended that this be addressed by a separate or independent Task Force. Interim VPAA&P Carlson noted that President-Elect Crase and she had discussed and affirmed that it was the Senates' purview.

Senator Girton inquired whether discussion should be held by Academic Affairs Council rather than a Task Force. Senator Hendrich noted that it was already on Academic Affairs Council's agenda. Senators Girton and Hendrich affirmed that the Academic Affairs Council would retain jurisdiction. Senator Hendrich has already communicated with I. Guffy from GSB about attending a future AA Council meeting likely in January 2007.

4. Presidential Searches. Discussion of continued difficulties associated with University of Iowa's (SUI) Presidential search with regard to recent decisions of BOR to not offer a position to finalists. What action additional action might the ISU FS take, and when, given that the Governor of the State of Iowa has intervened but there has been no recommendation for reconvening a faculty search committee format? There will be a telephonic meeting next week for updates, attended by President Palermo. Discussion ensued regarding action of resending ISU FS Resolution approved in February 2006.

5. President Palermo shared two e-mails received from students regarding VEISHEA 2007. Senator Owen is the faculty representative to the VEISHEA council, appointed by President Geoffroy. He reported that he has been attending meetings on behalf of the general faculty. Senator Owen shared issues that were discussed at their last meeting. The ISU Risk Manager expressed a desire about knowing which activities were occurring and when, and would need colleges to provide their program of activities ahead of time. This had not always occurred in the past. The purpose of students visiting with FS would be to seek endorsement of the event, to

communicate with Senators about touching base with caucus chairs regarding concerns, and to gain volunteers from among the faculty to participate fully in VEISHEA activities. President Palermo pledged to communicate Senator Owen's dual role to the correspondents, and to extend an opportunity for students to present a Special Order VEISHEA presentation at a future meeting.

B. President-Elect – Crase

Present-Elect Crase reported that vigorous discussion regarding a focus on privatization issues associated with the university was discussed as a potential focus for the spring faculty conference. Planning continues.

C. Provost – Carlson

None.

D. Council/Committee Reports

The 12/01/06 version of the ISU FS Status List was reviewed with Senators and guests.

IV. Old Business – 3:45 p.m.

A. Budget Model Proposal

There was a need to move issues along to be consistent with the timeline for changes and adoption. Present Palermo noted that Senators do not need to vote at the upcoming FS meeting. Regarding our proposed position on the model, there are two main provisos: (a) formal acknowledgment in the policy that stipulates that RPA's role be mentioned explicitly. The intention is to ensure that RPA—a formal body of the FS—is institutionalized in the policy, even though it has been acknowledged orally and in other documents to have a role by the Provost Office as an entity that works smoothly, plays an important role, and so forth. Second, it is currently unclear “who” or “what” bodies will monitor and revise the budget model into the future, so there need to be explicit statements on a process for this. Then, there is attention in the recommendation that longstanding other concerns that need to be followed up.

Senator Girton noted that the draft Resolution was sent to RPA. Girton provided wording suggestions, including clarification of the role of RPA, in addition to the call for its explicit inclusion in the budget model final formal document. The charge to President Geoffroy is then to create a process and/or body that will continue to be active in this area. Lastly, Girton has observed that the faculty has been involved in, and will be active in, safeguarding these processes and will need to take responsibility for continuing to raise these issues. The Resolution will be shared with FS at the next meeting, with changes discussed at meeting.

V. New Business – 4:10 p.m.

A. Discontinuation of Enterprise Computing – Hendrich

Senator Hendrich, on behalf of Academic Affairs Council, provided an overview of the proposal for discontinuing the major which apparently was fairly new but did not have courses, students, or faculty associated with it at the present time. The proposal will be sent to the FS under old business as an addendum to [S06-7].

B. Discontinuation of Portuguese Minor – Hendrich

Senator Hendrich provided an overview the proposal for discontinuing the minor which did not have sufficient courses, students, or faculty associated with it at the present time. The proposal will be sent to the FS under old business as an addendum to [S06-7].

C. Revised Section 3 of the Faculty Handbook [S05-07] – Vrchota

Denise Vrchota, on behalf of the Governance and Documents Committee of the Governance Council, reviewed two sections of revised Faculty Handbook with non substantive changes to improve consistency with other ISU policies and procedures. Interim VPAA& P Carlson explained several of the inconsistencies and the need for editorial revisions. Decision to add to the consent list for the December 12 Faculty Senate meeting.

D. Graduation with Distinction – Hendrich

Senator Hendrich introduced a proposal to revise the designation for “distinction” [see “For Faculty Senate Docket—New policy on graduation with distinction”]. The first part of the change would be to introduce three levels rather than a single level. The names of the three levels are proposed to be the same as for other Peer 11 Institutions—following the Latinate designations. This would be introduced to the FS and voted upon at a subsequent meeting. Interim VPAA& P Carlson spoke to the common use of the three-part designation, which lauded the highest achievers more clearly. The proposal will be sent to the FS under old business as an addendum to [S06-7].

E. Front text of catalog – Hendrich

Front text of the catalog will be provided as an amendment to be voted upon by FS as part of overall catalog changes. The material will be sent to the FS under old business as an addendum to [S06-7].

VI. Approval of Senate Agenda, December 12, 2006 meeting – 4:50 p.m.

Approved.

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Adjourn—5:00 p.m.

President Palermo adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Nancy Grudens-Schuck, FS Secretary

Appendix: Documents provided for/at meeting:

1. Budget Model Review and Implementation Committee Report on the Resource Management Model (October 31, 2006) at <http://www.iastate.edu/~budgetmodel/RMM/1006pdf.pdf>
2. Board of Regents draft letter regarding Regents' proposed new admissions index.
3. E-mail of December 3, 2006 from Senator Courteau regarding ASCA Council's reactions to proposed policy on religious observance at ISU and faculty involvement in new admissions standards.
4. ReligObservPolicy.doc [ISU Government of the Student Body, Senate Resolution 2006-2-025 SR "Endorsing the Religious Holiday Policy Committee's Policy Recommendation."]
5. 5. S05-16 – University President Searches Resolution – approved by FS 3-7-06.doc
6. FS President's Remarks

Draft Versions

1. VEISHEA Request.doc
2. VEISHEA Request2.doc
3. EB FacSen [Minutes] Nov_7_06_DRAFT1.doc
4. 06-07 FacSenStatus05r.doc
5. Faculty Handbook - Section 3 revised on 11-17-06 1.doc
6. Faculty Handbook - Section 5 revised on 11-15-06 1.doc
7. Budget Model Resolution.doc
8. Design sum.pdf
9. Discontinuation of Portuguese minor A.doc
10. Discontinue Enterprise Computing a 1.doc
11. EB – Agenda December 5-06r
12. front pages 34-53 mod [Catalog]
13. dec 2006 new policy on graduation with distinction

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January 9, 2006