

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2008

3:00-5:20 p.m.

107 Lab of Mechanics

Present: Anderson, D. (Human Sci. Caucus); Crase, S. (President); Ford, C. (President-Elect); Freeman, S. (Judiciary & Appeals); Grudens-Schuck, N. (Secretary); Hendrich, S. (Academic Affairs); Mennecke, B. (Business Caucus); Porter, M. (Governance); VanDerZanden, A. M. (FDAR); Wallace, R. (LAS Caucus).

Absent: Olsen, M. (Eng. Caucus); Owen, M. (Ag. & Life Sci. Caucus); Palermo, G. (Past President and RPA); Paschke, T. (Design Caucus); Thompson, J. (Vet. Med. Caucus);

Provost's Office: Carlson, S. (Associate Provost); Hoffman, E. (Exec VP/ Provost)

Guests: Acker, D. (CALs); Aluni, M. (GDCB); Beirman, E. (FSHN); Bern, C. (Ag Bio Eng.); Girton, J. (RPA); Guffy, I. (GSB); Hannapel, D. (IPPM); Hopkins, C. (Music); Jurenka, R. (Ent.); Lonergan, S. (An. Sci.); Martin, R. (AgEdS); Reitmeier, C. (FSHN); Reilly, P. (Chem Bio Eng.); Rover, D. (Eng.); VanDerValk, A. (Senator); Wang, K. (IPPM).

I. Called to Order – 3:00 p.m.

President Crase called the meeting to order.

II. Consent Agenda – 3:02 p.m.

A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, February 26 , 2008

B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, February 5, 2008

Motion to approve by Senator Freeman and seconded by Senator VanDerZanden.

Motion carried.

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

A. President – Crase

President Crase pledged to send questions prepared for the Campus Leaders Breakfast with President Geoffroy ahead of time to the EB as per her usual habit. She alerted the EB to opportunities to meet with members of the Board of Regents and elicited ideas for forums in which to introduce the ISU FS and its issues. She also announced that President Geoffroy would be addressing the full FS at the next meeting, which would be Special Order, and that his presence was welcomed.

B. President-Elect – Ford

President Elect Ford was pleased to announce that 104 registrants were listed as attendees for the upcoming spring faculty conference. There would be more work ahead to secure posters from faculty on research topics to highlight ISU's range and success in discovery and research arenas—the focus of the conference for 2008.

C. Provost – Hoffman

None.

D. Council/Caucus Chair Reports

None. Time would be given instead to curricular matters for which many guests have attended today.

IV. Old Business – 3:20 p.m.

A. Faculty Handbook: Class Attendance [S07-4] – Gov. Council: Max Porter

Porter placed before the EB a set of revised, but still slightly different, versions of an improved statement regarding class attendance issues related to observance of religious activities by students. I. Guffy was present as a partner in this work, for which the GSB has done lots of work and has contributed mightily in concept and wording. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for differences between versions. The EB was reminded that the final version, voted on by the FS, would be a recommendation to EOD, which “owns” the link. That said, it was considered crucial to both bodies (GSB and FS) to weigh in on the wording and conceptual underpinnings. Senators Freeman, Grudens-Schuck, VanDerZanden and others asked clarifying questions. Senator Wallace moved to put in front of the agenda as agreed; seconded by Senator VanDerZanden.

Motion carried.

B. Open Meetings policy [S07-9] – Gov Council: Report by Porter; no attachment.

This issue is continuing in its discussion phase, which now properly involves the larger university, as well as faculty voices from the Senate and colleges.

C. Language change to the Foreign Travel Grants Policy – FDAR Ann Marie VanderZanden

Put before the EB were changes to the policy which proposed to take into account various points of departure—not just Iowa—from which faculty members may need to travel as part of academic work.

Motion carried to put before the Senate.

C. Proposed Changes to Faculty Senate By-Laws – Gov Council: Porter

Motion carried to put before the Senate.

E. Faculty Senate Research Policy Proposal—RPA: Gregory Palermo and Jack Girton

Jack Girton provided an overview of the progress represented by the current draft—a substantial expansion, with much greater detail, than the existing superficial policy that is currently in place. The proposal has been vetted at several levels. Discussion by EB members included substantive comments on the hardcopy revised copy shared as a substitute for the one received by e-mail earlier in the week. The proposal will need further review by University Council.

Motion to send to Senate current version by Secretary Grudens-Schuck, and seconded by Senator D. Anderson.

Motion carried.

E. Plant Physiology Degree Name Change —Academic Affairs: Suzanne Hendrich

Several representatives from different departments spoke to the need for a change to the PP degree, including the failure of the current name to represent the increased interdisciplinary research and faculty involved, as well as updates and coordination with trends in national professional associations. K. Wang provided a history of changes to the proposal over a year's time to account for the EB and others' suggestions for matching a new name to the substance of the degree as it continues to evolve.

President Elect (2009) VanDerValk, in an allied field of EEOB, spoke his displeasure at the use of the proposed term of “plant biology” to stand for the expanded, but still delimited, course and faculty configurations that appeared to be represented by the current proposal. He also spoke to the lack of his knowledge of appropriate vetting and voting by EEOB and other botanist and plant biology-oriented faculty and departments, despite apparent discussions that have been held with others. Senator Freeman noted that the proposal did not seem very different from what the EB had previously reviewed. Senator Hendrich called attention to the support letters in the proposal from various venues. D. Hannapel spoke to the need to select a name for the degree that enabled the major to matriculate high-ability students and to bring the major into the mainstream with respect to web recruiting through use of the proposed “plant biology” term.

V. New Business – 3:55 p.m.

A. Name Changes:

- a. Agricultural Education Major to Agriculture and Life Sciences Education – Suzanne Hendrich, Academic Affairs

The name would reflect the changed name of the College. R. Martin noted that many agriculture education students also receive a secondary certification to teach biology and life sciences in the schools, so the changed name is apt for substantive reasons as well.

Carried to send to FS.

b. Entomology Undergraduate Degree to Insect Science – Hendrich

The term “insect” was intended to make plain the focus of the major to attract prospective students who might otherwise not consider focusing in this area.

Carried to send to FS.

B. New degrees:

a. B.S. in Culinology – Hendrich

The term “culinology” is registered and the proposal does not yet have permission to use this term. Culinary Sciences would be the second term that would be proposed. There are already strong two plus two and transfer programs in place.

Carried to send to FS, with request to clarify as soon as possible which term would be used.

b. B.S. Global Resource Systems – Hendrich

D. Acker spoke about the need for the major, a niche not filled by either of the other two Regents universities. The rigor of the program was high. The question of vocation venues for students was answered as non profit associations, World Bank, FAO and other international anti-poverty and agricultural development programs.

Carried to send to FS.

c. B.S. Biological Systems Engineering –Hendrich

The EB and guests considered distinctions among several majors which employed the terms “biological,” “systems,” and “engineering.”

Carried to send to FS.

C. Undergraduate Certificate in Occupational Safety – Hendrich

Council Chair Hendrich noted that this was the second fully developed undergraduate certificate program developed under the new rules.

Carried to send to FS.

D. Major in World Languages and Cultures – Hendrich

The gist of the proposed changes was to remove a specific language (for example, German) as a major and to permit greater flexibility and administrative efficiency.

Carried to send to FS.

E. New Minors:

a. Minor in Bioengineering – Hendrich

Discussion again included how “bio” was different from “engineering” with respect to other minors that employed these terms.

Carried to send to FS.

b. Minor in Music Technology – Hendrich

C. Martin explained that several students were already prepared to enroll in a minor which permitted integration of computer technology and music.

Carried to send to FS.

b. Minor in Meat Science—Hendrich

No discussion.

Carried to send to FS.

c. Minor in Sports and Culture—Hendrich

No discussion.

Carried to send to FS.

VI. Approval of Senate Agenda for March 4, 2008 – 4:40 p.m.

So moved by Crase, and seconded by Wallace, accounting for changes discussed and approved.

Motion carried.

Motion to extend by 15 minutes by Secretary Grudens-Schuck, and seconded by Senator Wallace.

Motion to extend carried.

VII. Executive Session – 4:50

A. Honorary Degree Nomination

Motion to extend by 5 minutes by Senator Wallace, and seconded by Senator Freeman.

Motion to extend carried.

VIII. Good of the Order – 5:15

None.

IX. Adjourned – 5:20 p.m.

President Crase adjourned the meeting.

Minutes by Faculty Senate Secretary N. Grudens-Schuck

Documents

1. AGEDSNameChange.doc
2. Bioengineering\_dean\_support\_v1.pdf
3. BioengineeringMinorProposal-rev080214.pdf
4. Board of Regents.doc
5. ComComCaucusChrs ByLawsChngs-2 08.doc
6. EB - Agenda February 26, 2008.doc
7. EB - Minutes February 5, 2008.doc
8. entnamechange.pdf
9. Final BSE Program - Complete.pdf
10. Final\_IPPM name change memo\_Jan28-2008.pdf
11. Foreign Travel Grant Changes.doc
12. FS - Agenda March 4, 2008.doc
13. Global Resource Systems Proposal February 15.doc
14. Minor in Sport Culture for distribution to EB.pdf
15. MinorinMeat Science.doc
16. Music\_Tech\_Minor\_Proposal.pdf
17. New Major form 12-1-07 (2) culinology.doc
18. RPA Research Policy2-08.doc
19. S07-4 - Absences and Religious Observances Procedure Change from GSB.doc
20. Safety Certificate\_10\_10\_07 (2).pdf
21. WLC Single Major Proposal \_x007E\_ Final Doc 6 08 2007.doc

NEXT MEETING - March 11, 2008