

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2008
3:00-5:05 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); Mennecke, B. (Business Caucus); Owen, M. (Ag. & Life Sci. Caucus); Palermo, G. (Past President and RPA); Paschke, T. (Design Caucus); Porter, M. (Governance); Thompson, J. (Vet. Med. Caucus); VanDerZanden, A. M. (FDAR).

Absent: Hendrich, S. (Academic Affairs); Olsen, M. (Eng. Caucus); Wallace, R. (LAS Caucus).

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

Guests: Geirsson, H. (FDAR); Orazem, P. (Economics)

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, April 8, 2008
- B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, February 26 , 2008

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Senator Thompson and seconded by Senator VanDerZanden

Motion carried.

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

A. President – Crase

President Crase updated the EB on additional meetings and communications regarding the motion to postpone from the last full meeting of the Senate, and actions needed on curriculum items regarding direct faculty voting. She and Suzanne Hendrich, Chair of Academic Affairs, communicated both support and direction to affected parties, and received comments both negative and positive about procedures, and also the need to coordinate governance documents.

B. President-Elect – Ford

Associate Provost Carlson expressed appreciation for the spring faculty conference event and noted especially that the speakers were excellent. About 70 people were in attendance at all times. Secretary Grudens-Schuck said the poster session was successful as a first time event. President-Elect Ford announced an event to wrap up the year (April 29 the gravel will be passed) and he will host at his home in west Ames. Also, there will again be an EB retreat with the Provost Office late May or June, with May planning meetings of the EB to ready the group.

C. Secretary – Grudens-Schuck

Secretary Grudens-Schuck proposed to put before the Senate brief explanations of the ways in which the meeting minutes, both FS and EB, contributed toward a climate supporting open meetings and open records, in the spirit of the legislation in the Iowa Code. The issue was timely because there was campus-wide discussion about adherence to guidelines. Members of the board expressed the desire to see such information on the web site or in procedures manuals, but not to spend time during the meetings with a presentation at this time. The motion did not receive a second and was not acted upon.

D. Provost – Hoffman

None provided.

E. Council/Caucus Chair Reports

Design - Paschke: Governance documents were being brought into compliance. She has spoken with the Dean and Caucus about the Caucus overseeing the College document development. Design prior used a Liaison Committee, not the Caucus, the last time that changes were made.

Ag and Life Science - Owen: RMM was the focus, and the Caucus addressed some concerns regarding the proposed new research policy, especially the specified 120-day time delay between publishing and close of the project. Also, the Caucus has filled all committee and council positions and re-elected Council Chair Mike Owen.

RPA - Palermo: Only one policy has been developed fully, in fact, but ASC strategic fund enhancements, salary policies, and other formal commentary on RRC strategic enhancements have been addressed. Those that reach students in significant way and in significant numbers were supported, and there was also deliberation about supporting equipment, and salary PT lines. Working relationships with Ellen Rasmussen and Provost Hoffman have been positive and ongoing. Support for multilayered salary enhancements has been discussed. RPA wants to ensure that a platform on the issue sustains faculty support and stops salary compression, especially at higher levels of PT. Salaries following closely the cost of living index has not ever been reached, for example.

Gov - Porter: Not all caucus chairs have been chosen. Important to have good people to be on this start-up committee for the review of governance documents initiative.

IV. Old Business – 3:20 p.m.

- A. Update on status of proposals sent back to units for department and/or college votes-
Suzanne Hendrich, Chair of Academic Affairs Council

Discussion regarding electronic voting and its sufficiency in meeting governance documents rulings was discussed. Associate Provost Holger recommended that the Parliamentarian be prepared to offer viable options for managing questions that come up. It was agreed that he would be.

V. New Business – 3:30 p.m.

None.

VI. Approval of Senate Agenda for March 4, 2008 –3:35 p.m.

Motion to approve agenda by Senator Owen and seconded by Senator Thompson, with additions and changes.

Motion carried.

VII. Executive Session –3:40

- A. Regent Faculty Excellence Award Nominations
B. University Professor Nominations

Senator Freeman moved to change to executive session, seconded by Grudens-Schuck.

Motion carried.

Same to move out at 4:45 p.m.

Motion carried.

VIII. Good of the Order

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Motion to extend by 3 minutes by Senator Owen, seconded by Senator Freeman.

Motion carried.

Past President Palermo continued discussion of coordination of governance documents, and the lack of fully-developed governance documents in the new College of Human Sciences, which was in the process of merging and changing governance documents of former college.

IX. Adjourn—5:05 p.m.

Minutes by Faculty Senate Secretary N. Grudens-Schuck.

Documents

1. EB - Agenda April 8, 2008.doc
2. EB - Minutes February 26, 2008.doc
3. FS - Agenda April 15, 2008.doc

NEXT MEETING – April 22, 2008