

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

September 30, 2008

3:00-5:00 p.m.

107 Lab of Mechanics

Present: Paul Anderson, Susan Carlson, Sedahlia Crase, Clark Ford, Suzanne Hendrich, Dave Holger, Michael Martin, Gary Osweiler, Mike Owen, Max Porter, Martha Selby, Margaret Torrie, Arnold van der Valk, Robert Wallace, Skip Walter

3:13: Began without a quorum. President Ford noted that pictures would be taken at the next full faculty senate meeting (10/7/08). Dave Holger noted that the program outline “proposal to consolidate and rename the graduate programs in wildlife biology and animal ecology” (handout distributed) appeared satisfactory from a Regents perspective.

I. Call to Order 3:18

President Ford proposed to add a part C to the consent agenda: the consolidation noted above. Senator Owen moved for acceptance of the consent agenda; Senator Walter seconded. Motion passed.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, September 30, 2008

B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, September 2, 2008

III. Announcements and Remarks

A. President

President Ford reported on the chairs’ cabinet meeting, at which there was enthusiasm expressed for provision of child care on campus as a recruitment/retention tool; also noted that he has asked Senator Crase to explore forming a task force to study feasibility. He noted that the “policy on funding of sponsored research and service projects” was discussed at a breakfast meeting at the Knoll, and that President Geoffroy would not sign off on it as it stands; it is likely to be scaled back after gathering input from center directors. Ford noted that he had met with the president and provost to submit responses from DOGEs about the general status of graduate programs; the consensus being that all the DOGEs want more money to attract and keep graduate students. Dave Holger agreed that no doubt about it, graduate programs would be more robust with more money infused.

Ford noted that the Regents met on 9/17 and 9/18, and budget requests from the universities were to be forwarded to the legislature. However, the bulk of meeting time was concerned with the U of Iowa’s sexual assault policy; the Regents suggested to Ford that our provost might address this issue (ISU’s own policy, that is) at the next faculty senate meeting. Ford noted that the president’s council met on 9/19 to review the enrollment/revenues/expenditures information (“pie-chart” handout distributed, dated 9/19/08). Ford noted that a 9/22 convocation was the venue at which the president gave

a strategic planning presentation (printout of the president's powerpoint slides distributed). Ford noted that the administrative council (caucus chairs and council chairs) meeting of 9/23 was very productive, and that two task forces were now active: One focusing on NTER faculty %s (Max Porter chairing) and one studying the feasibility of a faculty lounge social/meeting facility (Bill Woodman chairing). Ford wrapped up with a reminder that the next faculty senate meeting would be picture day.

B. President-Elect

President-Elect van der Valk noted that nine topics had been suggested for the spring faculty conference, and that "live green" is the general topic selected. But Al Gore won't be coming, what with his \$175,000 speaker fee and his two 1st-class plane tickets. The welfare and benefits task force (now known as the Faculty Compensation Committee) that van der Valk is leading is getting organized but has not yet met. Van der Valk noted that the committee on committees' primary work at the moment is to fill vacancies, but that the committee on committees will also be looking at ways to streamline committees, subcommittees, and task forces. If needed, the committee on committees may appoint a special task force or subcommittee to study this issue.

C. Provost

Vice Provost Carlson noted that the College of Design dean search committee had conducted three faculty fora as a means to craft the position description and advertisement; the ad is now out, and a headhunter firm has been hired to assist with recruitment. The Human Sciences dean search committee is currently being formed. Dave Holger noted that the Vice President for Research and economic Development search has generated a good pool, with on-campus visits by finalists in early November. The Engineering Dean search committee has been formed, and their work will begin this week; March visits by finalists anticipated.

Holger noted that the Regents are interested in what ISU does (broadly speaking) that deals with "sustainability". The Regents are also interested in what ISU policies are that relate to additional compensation for additional work (such as overload teaching)

Carlson noted that a new work/life advisory committee was underway, and passed around promotional material for the upcoming 2-day ISU Advance conference.

D. Council/Caucus Chair Reports

Senator Torrie noted that new governance documents were being developed for the College of Human Sciences. Senator Selby is leading a govdoc review/revision committee for the Engineering College. Mike Owen, speaking for the Agriculture College caucus, noted their interest in exploring how to assess "collegiality" or "citizenship" when evaluating faculty performance. President-elect van der Valk noted that this could be dangerous ground, possibly prone to abuse. Provost Carlson noted that LAS has a statement about collegiality in their govdoc. Senator Osweiler noted that VetMed has elected a new at-large senator (Rodney Baker). At this point, out of concern for the inexorably ticking clock, President Ford interjected and directed everyone to Old Business.

IV. Old Business

A. Authority to Hire Employees Policy

B. Smoke-Free Campus Policy

Senator Porter noted that the three items above had all passed through the Governance Council and will be sent on to the full senate, pending EB approval. Porter moved for approval, second by Senator Wallace.

C. Employment Verifications and Background Checks

Senator Porter noted that the Governance Council recommends revisions to the EVBC policy, to the effect that post-doctorate employees be removed from the list of employees who get automatic background checks. After discussion, Porter moved to send the policy on to the full senate. Second by Senator Owen; motion passed.

V. New Business

Dave Holger reiterated that the program outline “proposal to consolidate and rename the graduate programs in wildlife biology and animal ecology” (handout distributed) appeared satisfactory from a Regents perspective. Agreement all around that the formatting in the document be fixed (for example, there are two item “B”s under point 7, and the font use is inconsistent); motion to forward this item to old business made by Senator Owen; second by Senator Walter; motion passes.

Admission criteria: Senator Hendrich noted that the Academic Affairs Council is considering how to define guidelines for entering students who do not meet the 1.50 admission standard (whether or not exceptions are possible, etc.). The number is a composite of ACT or SAT score, high school class rank, and high school GPA.

VI. Approval of Senate Agenda for October 7, 2008

Senator Owen moved for approval, and Senator Wallace seconded; motion passed.

VII. Good of the Order

No comments.

VIII. Adjourned at 4:45pm

NEXT MEETING: October 28, 2008