

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
December 2, 2008
3:00-5:00 p.m.
107 Lab of Mechanics**

Attendance

Martin, M.; Anderson, P.; Owen, M.; Holger, D.; Carlson, S.; Wallace, R.; Freeman, S.; Selby, M.; Walter, S.; Crase, S.J.; Ford, C.; van der Valk, A.; VanderZanden, A. M.; Porter, M.; Hoffman, E.; Palermo, G.; Hendrich, S.; Torrie, M.

I Call to Order – 3:05 p.m.

II Consent Agenda

A Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, December 2, 2008

B Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, October 28, 2008

Wallace moved to accept consent agenda, amended to include item on IP Credit Veterans with overseas service; Anderson seconded; motion passed.

III Announcements and Remarks

A President

Ford noted that President Geoffroy announced a \$2.9M budget reversion that would be handled by delaying maintenance; further reversions probably forthcoming in the spring. Geoffroy advised that units be cautious with expenditures, and that he seeks input on budget priorities. On the subject of peer review of teaching, Geoffroy believed this to be a faculty issue. Ford wondered aloud whether this was a Senate issue, or a CELT issue...Ford noted further that Geoffroy has expressed interest in the Teaching Academy proposal and also in FDAR's study of a tuition waiver for ISU faculty families, in terms of its usefulness as a recruitment/retention tool.

Ford noted that a faculty member had asked about the possibility of a Senate resolution concerning a tuition waiver for combat veterans, since this has been established at other universities. Ford asked whether FDAR would be interested in exploring this; Vanderzanden said yes. Van der Valk objected that this was off-limits for the Senate, because it's political in a sense that the Senate constitution prohibits; others noted that this would not be a resolution expressing a political position, but rather a resolution relating to a proposed university policy; van der Valk disagreed. Palermo noted that we should review the Senate constitution in order to settle the constitutionality issue.

B President-Elect

Van der Valk noted that his Faculty Compensation Committee has produced a report for RPA and is in the process of crafting other reports that address 1) NTER faculty and 2) policies/procedures for determining raises. He noted that the spring conference was all set, except that the keynote speaker (David Orr) had still not yet committed to actually show up for the event.

C Provost

Hoffman noted that there were no search updates. Holger noted that 130 individuals had applied, or were considering applying for the Engineering deanship. Carlson noted that the Design dean search committee would meet next week, and that candidates would be on campus in February as scheduled. Carlson noted further that the Human Sciences deanship was still in the recruitment stage.

Hoffman noted that Geoffroy feels very strongly about the need for background checks on faculty or staff who have access to P-cards, and that he would like the Senate to reconsider its position; Ford asked for a formal request so the Senate can consider. Palermo, having paid especially close attention to the wording of the original background-check proposal, noted that it contained contradictory language in addressing whether the checks were mandatory or at the discretion of the hiring entity.

D Council/Caucus Chairs

Freeman noted that the Deans Council had sent recommendations regarding changes to the timing/calendar for appeals cases, and that J&A would be reviewing those recommendations soon. Freeman noted further that J&A had determined that the “collegiality” issue could not be an element of P&T evaluation, because there was no way to measure or quantify collegiality. Palermo pointed out that whether or not the word (collegiality) appeared in the faculty handbook, it is nevertheless an attribute that is essential to institutional function...no disagreement on that point, but no further proposals surfaced for some way to include consideration of collegiality in the P&T process.

IV Old Business

A Children in the Work Place – Ann Marie VanderZanden

VanderZanden noted that FDAR supports the policy as written. Hoffman noted however that the P&S Council has a problem with it, because if you regularly host tours of facilities, there needs to be a blanket provision so that there are not so many “approvals” hoops to jump through each time a tour is conducted. She noted further that the policy emerged because of a perception that in some circumstances, children in the workplace could be hazardous (chemistry labs, e.g.). The policy creates an instrument for denying the “right” for children to be present in the workplace in certain circumstances. Suggestion was made to change the name of the policy to “Children Visiting in the Workplace” in order to place emphasis where it was intended. Ford asked whether the policy should go on to the Senate or back to FDAR for reconsideration, to address the P&S Council concerns; it was agreed that FDAR would take it back for another review. Also agreed: that the policy would make clear that the Lab School was exempt, and that the intent of the policy was safety and hazard-avoidance (as opposed to kid-unfriendliness).

V New Business

(At this point an agreement made to change order of consideration of subsequent agenda items)

E International Perspectives Credit for Veterans

Hendrich brought the proposal forward as a motion from committee, and distributed a handout that explained the rationale. Holger noted that in practice, the IP requirement was routinely waived for veterans who had served overseas, on a case-by-case basis; why not make it routine, and why burden the veteran with having to make the case for a waiver. Following further discussion, the motion passed with one nay note.

D Catalog Copy

- a. **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
- b. **College of Business**
- c. **College of Human Sciences**
- d. **Interdisciplinary Programs**

Hendrich noted that links would be provided for catalog copy review; the motion before the EB to send all cataloguery on to the Senate passed.

A Links Disclaimer – Porter

Porter’s motion before the EB from the Governance Council to accept the Links Disclaimer language passed, with a friendly amendment to add the words “that are” in front of the phrase “not controlled”.

B Availability of Department and Governance Documents Resolution – Porter

Porters’ motion before the EB from the Governance Council to accept the resolution’s wording passed.

F Export Controls

Draft of proposal on Export Controls policy distributed. Ford proposed sending forward to RPA; Holger so moved, and Porter seconded; motion passed.

C Adjunct Instructor Position in Animal Science – Ann Marie VanderZanden

VanderZanden noted that Animal Science department wanted to be able to hire people from the industry who were pursuing a PhD; issue is that they can’t afford to work for graduate student money. Noted that a similar policy is already operative in Construction Engineering, since 2005. Van der Valk argued against the policy on the basis that ISU should not hire more adjuncts (as opposed to tenure-line faculty); motion before the EB from FDAR to approve the draft for further Senate consideration passed, with one nay vote.

At this point the 5 o'clock bell tolled; motion to extend five minutes made by Wallace, seconded by Walter; motion passed.

VI Approval of Senate Agenda for December 9, 2008

Motion to approve with revisions passed (if there was a motion or a second, it was regrettably not recorded)

VII Good of the Order

No items.

VIII Adjourn

At 5:06pm.

NEXT MEETING: January 13, 2009

Minutes submitted respectfully by duly elected Faculty Senate Recording Secretary Michael David Martin.