

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

January 13, 2009

3:00-5:00 p.m.

107 Lab of Mechanics

Present: Torrie, M; Ford, C; Crase, S; Freeman, Martin, M; Hendrich, S; Owen, M; Anderson, P; Porter, M; Walter, S; Osweiler, G; VanderZanden, AM; Wallace, R; van der Valk, A; Carlson, S; Hoffman, E; Sapp, T (for Palermo, APA Council).

Absent: Selby, M; Palermo, G (substituted for by Sapp); Holger, D.

I Call to Order – 3:08 p.m.

II Consent Agenda

A Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, January 13, 2009

B Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, December 2, 2008

Porter asked to amend agenda to include discussion on Links Disclaimer (under old business). Anderson moved, Wallace seconded to accept amended agenda. Motion passed.

III Announcements and Remarks

A President

Ford stated that the 90-minute rule constrains Senate deliberation because of full agenda in recent months. Suggests an increase to two hours for Senate meetings, possibly beginning at 3:10 instead of 3:30. Another possibility could be to limit comment period, although this seemed an unpopular notion. Hoffman wondered whether ISU's class schedule might dictate availability of a significant number of senators to attend at 3:10. Ford stated that he would bring a formal proposal forward. Ford noted that one candidate (Owen) nominated thus far for the president-elect position, and that voting takes place at the next Senate meeting (1/20/09). Ford suggested there should be a standard "release" policy for faculty serving as president-elect or president; Carlson and Hoffman averred that such a policy had been established during the Crase presidency, and that they would find it and bring it to the next EB meeting (2/3/09). Ford speculated about the possible role of the Senate in recommending furloughs (to offset budget reversions). Deadline for current furlough is 2/9/09; RPA Council will discuss. Ford noted that the research policy dealing with weapons research has been approved, but that there were questions regarding where such a policy statement should go (whether to PLAC, to Handbook, etc.). Hoffman clarified that the Senate had sent it to the president; the president had sent it to the research council, and that the president is now considering comments from the council. Ford noted that last week the NTER Council had met, and was currently considering issues of low pay for certain NTER positions, as well as "transparency" issues in general. Ford noted that the P+T Task Force is presently looking at various policies relating to the confidentiality of letters written by external reviewers of promotion candidates. Ford noted that the EB photograph will be taken at the next EB meeting, on 2/3/09.

B President-Elect

Van der Valk wondered whether the Senate's spring conference should be scuttled, in light of budget reversions. Ford noted that attendance has been a problem in recent years, and that this affects the perceived cost effectiveness of the conference. Freeman stated that it would be a good gesture to cancel. Van der Valk noted that the featured speaker, David Orr, had still not confirmed his attendance. Porter suggested the conference could be postponed to next year. Hoffman wondered whether Orr believes a contract exists, based on written or verbal offers; discussion followed with no clear resolution of the question (about Orr). Torrie noted that since the topic addressed conservation, perhaps we should not cancel the conference, because the topic is so timely. Van der Valk noted that there is a president's conference on sustainability occurring in February, making the Senate conference seem superfluous. It was pointed out that the president's conference means to address "how-to" conservation issues for the campus, while the Senate conference intended a more conceptual approach (sustainability in the curriculum, for example). Hendrich noted that an unintended consequence of postponing this conference theme to next year is that it could tie the hands of the incoming president-elect, who may have different priorities. Van der Valk moved that we cancel the conference assuming Orr would release ISU from any contractual obligations; Walter seconded; Motion passed with one nay vote.

C Provost

Hoffman announced that Sharon Quisenberry is the new VPRED, and will begin work at ISU 4/1/09. Hoffman noted that the invitation to take a furlough has gone out to faculty, but that the provost's office was not exerting any pressure on faculty to use this option. As information, Hoffman did note that the DM Register would probably publish the names of those who did choose the furlough option, since it will be a matter of public record.

D Council/Caucus Chairs

Torrie noted that HDFS has approved its revised governance document.

IV Old Business

A Modified Duties Policy – FDAR Council

Van der Valk suggested that the MDP should be pulled back from consideration, because it is a cost issue. Ford noted that it may still be possible to move the proposal forward, if steps are taken to create cost neutrality. Van der Valk noted that the policy could be very expensive in a worst-case scenario, and thus politically non-viable. Hendrich noted that it's not "leave", but is simply teaching release, with other faculty duties intact. Hoffman noted that it could be presented to the Regents if the faculty wants it to be, and that the Regents could sit on it indefinitely if need be, until the political climate changes. Porter suggested that the MDP vote could be postponed for a month, leaving it on the agenda; the EB agreed to this option (no motion recorded).

B Added item "Links Disclaimer"

Porter noted that PLAC advised removing the second sentence from the disclaimer that ends in "...only provided for informational purposes".

V New Business

A Governance Document Checklist – Governance Council

<http://www.agron.iastate.edu/~loynachan/gov/GovDovChecklist.htm>

Porter noted that "best practices" items 7 and 8 from the checklist will be moved to the "requirements" list. Motion before the EB to place this item on the agenda passed.

B Bylaws Changes – Governance Council

Van der Valk noted that the committee on committees had recommended a variety of restructurings. Walter noted that there once was a Faculty Handbook Committee, which became the Governance and Documents Committee, and that it now should be called the Senate Documents Committee (because not concerned with governance directly). Motion before the EB to place this item on the agenda passed.

C External Reviewers [S08-15 Part 1 and 2] – Steve Freeman

Freeman explained how the P+T Task Force had revised the external reviewers policy; mostly this concerns the responsibility to solicit letters on the part of chairs and candidates. Motion before the EB to place this item on the agenda (as two separate docket items) passed.

The bell tolled 5; Owen moved to extend five minutes; Crase seconded, motion passed.

VI Approval of Senate Agenda for January 20, 2009

To accept the agenda as modified, Owen moved and Anderson seconded; motion passed.

VII Good of the Order

We all agreed that Debby had chosen a very pretty color for the north wall of 107 LoM, and that president Ford had applied the paint most expertly.

VIII Adjourn—5:07p.m.

NEXT MEETING – February 3, 2009

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