

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

**April 14, 2009**

**107 Lab of Mechanics**

**Present:** Torrie, M; Ford, C; Crase, S; Freeman, S; Martin, M; Hendrich, S; Selby, M; Owen, M; Anderson, P; Porter, M; Walter, S; Osweiler, G; VanDerZanden, AM; Wallace, R; van der Valk, A; Carlson, S. **Absent:** Sapp, T (as substitute for Palermo, G)

**Guests:** Lulu Rodriguez, Eric Abbott

**I. Call to Order – 3:08 p.m.**

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, April 14, 2009**

**B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, March 31, 2009**

Freeman moved for approval, Anderson seconded; motion carried.

**III. Announcements and Remarks**

**A. President**

Ford noted the upcoming half-hour discussion about the budget at the next FS meeting. A nine-person panel comprised of caucus chairs and senate council chairs will discuss the budget, and time will be allowed for questions from the floor. Ford suggested that Crase be included in the panel, and she agreed. Ford also noted that he will send invitations to deans and department chairs.

Ford noted that at the recent breakfast with the President, discussion focused on the budget. The President noted that Admissions and Financial Aid departments were protected, because of essential services to students. Nothing else was considered to be protected from cuts. Federal “stimulus” money would be used as “backfill” for things cut. Faculty lines are safe (for now), but attrition through retirement will reduce the number of lines over time. The Board of Regents meets on 4/30/09, and has asked for a faculty response to the budget-reduction proposals from a representative of the Senate. Senate President-Elect Van der Valk has agreed to do this.

Regarding policies that end up at the policy library (overseen by PLAC), Hoffman has suggested that such policies be more widely available/visible. She also suggests that the P&S Council have their own set, and that in the future the P&S Council share legislative responsibilities with the senate for the crafting of policies. In the ensuing discussion, some senators pointed out that the P&S Council has no legislative role, and that the senate should not share this role with that group.

In closing, Ford reminded EB members of the upcoming party at his residence, on Saturday evening, 7pm.

**B. President-Elect**

Van der Valk suggested that a new committee or task force might be needed to help clarify/define roles for faculty and P&S employees with respect to the particulars of the recent research policy and the export controls policy, because of ambiguities. He noted that the provost has a sense that the post-tenure review process is not working as intended; CELT has made a proposal for an evaluation of teaching as part of the post-tenure review. He suggested that there might be some pay or rank incentive attached to post-tenure review, as a way to put teeth into the review. Torrie noted that post-tenure review was designed to serve an advisory function and be a method for encouraging faculty development, rather than a punitive measure. Ford requested that van der Valk come back with a proposal for the creation of a task force that will investigate ways to improve the post-tenure review process or to render its outcomes more effective.

### **C. Provost**

(Hoffman not yet present; Carlson declined to comment)

### **D. Council/Caucus Chairs**

Ford reminded council and caucus chairs that their academic year-end reports were due to him by 4/23/2009.

### **V. New Business**

#### **A. Ph.D. Program – Greenlee School of Journalism – Communication of Science, Technology and Risk**

Ford rearranged the order of agenda items at this point in order to accommodate the visitors from the Greenlee School. Abbott noted that the approval for the PhD program had passed through all levels of university review (FSCC, GCCC, etc.), short of the senate itself. Discussion ensued about the extra resources required, the PhD offerings at the U of I, the qualifications for program candidates, and courses outside of Journalism that would be helpful/useful/available for candidates. Some concern expressed that the Engineering administration had consulted with the Journalism representatives on the topic of the proposed PhD program, but that the curriculum committee in Engineering had not been consulted. Without Engineering classes as required courses for the program, such consultation is not required, but general sense that such consultation would have been appropriate under the circumstances.

Eventually Ford asked for a voice vote on the motion before the EB to place the PhD proposal on the senate agenda; motion carried.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **B. Report of the NTE Teaching % Task Force**

Ford proposed that the teaching % task force report be reviewed jointly by FDAR and Governance Councils. Freeman suggested that FDAR review it first. Porter made a motion, seconded by Owen, that FDAR review the document first. Motion carried.

#### **A. Bylaw Changes for Electronic Voting**

During discussion it was clarified that any senator can at any point “demand” a secret ballot, and that “clickers” could be used as a type of secret ballot (if so configured). Van der Valk made a motion to approve the amendment offered by Walter on the by-law

revision that includes electronic voting as a form of secret ballot; Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.

### **C. Export Controls Policy**

Discussion of problems relating to the proposed policy—Selby noted that the policy merely links to restrictions; she believes we need the policy to be explicit about what we should be doing in order to be in compliance. Apparently the urgency in establishing the policy arises from the need to have an institutional policy in order to be eligible for certain federal grants. At this point the bell tolled, and Owen moved to extend ten minutes. Crase seconded; motion carried.

### **D. Faculty Handbook: Admission Requirements**

Noted that the revision amounted to the elimination of out-of-date admissions criteria, replaced by a link to the Board of Regents site that features up-to-date admissions criteria. Linking thus will account for the “moving target” nature of the admissions requirements. Approved by general agreement, without the formality of a motion, amid the hubbub of paper shuffling, attaché-case latch-clicking, and the general gathering of miscellaneous accoutrements in the eager anticipation of adjournment.

### **VI. Approval of Senate Agenda for April 21, 2009**

Amended to include Crase on the budget discussion panel; Owen made motion to approve, Walter seconded, motion carried.

### **VII. Good of the Order**

None offered.

### **VIII. Adjourn**

At 5:08pm.

### **NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2009**

Minutes assiduously recorded, painstakingly typed and respectfully submitted by Michael David Martin, duly elected Recording Secretary of the Iowa State University Faculty Senate, upon this twenty-first day of April in the year two thousand and nine *Anno Domini*.