

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

April 28, 2009

3:00-5:00 p.m.

107 Lab of Mechanics

Present: Paul Anderson, Susan Carlson, Sedahlia Crase, Clark Ford, Steve Freeman, Suzanne Hendrich, Elizabeth Hoffman, Dave Holger, Michael Martin, Gary Osweiler, Mike Owen, Max Porter, Travis Sapp, Martha Selby, Margaret Torrie, Arnold van der Valk, Anne Marie VanDerZanden, Robert Wallace, Skip Walter

I. Call to Order

3:04 pm (remarkably early!)

II. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda, Executive Board Meeting,

B. Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, April 14, 2009

Motion to approve by Owen, second by Anderson. Motion carried.

III. Announcements and Remarks

A. President

Ford expressed appreciation for the work and accomplishments of the EB over the academic year. He noted that he has asked for reports from the caucus chairs. Noted that the task force looking into the establishment of a “university club” (not a lounge!) is dormant for now due to budget cuts. The “teaching academy” task force has not yet produced a report, but Jack Girton has submitted a summary. The group wants to go forward with a proposal and recommendations, ready for review at the start of the fall 09 semester. They are still looking for a catchy name, and invite suggestions. Freeman noted that the P+T task force has accomplished quite a bit, regarding the external-reviewer letters primarily, but has more work ahead that will be resumed in the fall.

B. President-Elect

Van der Valk expressed appreciation for Ford’s leadership as FS president. He noted that his Faculty Compensation Committee has made recommendations for “benchmarks” for NTE salaries.

D. Council/Caucus Chairs

Sapp (RPA Council) noted that RPA had worked on establishing principles for the allocation of budget cuts, and had met with the provost on this matter. Porter (Governance Council) noted the work of three committees under the Council, including CEDR, ComCom, and the Senate Documents Committee. Work included the research policy, various name changes for committees, various bylaw changes, and the export policy. *(note: further reports from councils and caucuses follow the provost comments)*

C. Provost

Hoffman expressed gratitude for Van der Valk's proposal for a post-tenure review task force. She noted that the new Journalism PhD will be supported by the president. She noted that \$29-30M in federal "stimulus" money must be spent in 2010, and that the money would go toward saving jobs, supporting programs, investment in technology upgrades, and mitigation of necessary transitions. The money will not fund new construction. She noted that 83 letters of intent had been signed by new faculty hires. Carlson noted that the flu pandemic is being dealt with by the university, and that two summer academic travel ventures to Mexico had been canceled due to flu-related concerns.

D. Council/Caucus Chairs (part 2)

VanDerZanden (FDAR) noted that the Modified Duties Policy and the Children in the Workplace Policies were done deals. FDAR continues to pursue the tuition scholarship for faculty dependents idea. Freeman (J&A) noted that the Grievance Policy was a done deal. He noted that J&A had dealt with 5 appeals cases, with one remaining to be resolved.. He noted that there had been only two cases referred to the ombudsman, as opposed to 15 last year; not sure why the drop-off. Hendrich (Academic Affairs) commented on recent catalog revisions. She noted that three degree programs had been either discontinued or merged. The Council is investigating whether the registrar could play a role as gatekeeper, in preventing registration for courses when pre-requisites had not been met. Some discussion ensued; apparently this is a big problem/issue for some programs (engineering, for example), but not for all. There is, apparently, a cost issue in developing the necessary "gatekeeping" software.

Anderson noted that the Design Caucus had worked to reconcile college govdocs. Selby noted that the Engineering Caucus had not been active recently, but was recently revived in order to establish a budget advisory committee. She noted further that the college had just approved its newly revise govdoc. Walter noted that the Business Caucus had been active in reconciling college-level budget issues. To wrap up, Ford expressed gratitude to all Council and Caucus chairs who had turned in reports to him.

IV. Old Business

A. Bylaw Changes for Electronic Voting

B. Ph.D. Program – Greenlee School of Journalism – Communication of Science, Technology and Risk Export Controls Policy

Walter and Hendrich, respectively, noted that these two proposals would come before the Senate at its next meeting. No further discussion on either by the EB.

V. New Business

A. Faculty Handbook: Chapter 10.8 Development of Courses and Curricula – Hendrich

Hendrich noted that this is an issue of clarifying "who approves what" in terms of curricular change at the college level, and that it mainly involves improved text-editing of the Handbook's section 10.8. Van der Valk moved to place this on the agenda; Walter seconded. Motion carried.

B. Post-tenure Review Task Force

Van der Valk distributed handouts that explained the rationale for the proposal. He noted that there was a general sense that post-tenure review was not as affective as had been hoped for when it was instituted in the late 90s. Much discussion ensued; concerns raised that the tenor of the post tenure review was changing from “formative” or “developmental” to “punitive”. General agreement that this should not happen. Owen moved that a task force be created to investigate the matter; Walter seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Approval of Senate Agenda for May 5, 2009

With modifications noted, Crase moved for approval; Owen seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Good of the Order

Walter noted that “human subjects” requirements (IRB) were hindering projects at the Business College. Selby wondered where the new export policy should go, in terms of publication (Faculty Handbook, PLAC, websites, etc.). Much discussion ensued. Owen moved to extend 5 minutes; Freeman seconded. Motion carried. Since no consensus was emerging, Ford suggested that the Governance Council should look at this. Owen suggested that it be published in as many places as possible, with a proviso added that the policy cannot be modified without faculty approval. Hoffman proposed that it go to PLAC, rather than the Faculty Handbook, because it was not a policy that solely affects faculty. We then started to lose people, with nothing decided...presumably the EB will take this up in the fall.

VIII. Adjourn

Amid the general hubbub and shuffle, Owen managed to call out a motion to adjourn, and Freeman seconded. EB members voted with their feet; the motion carried at 5:08pm.

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-third day of August in the year two thousand and nine *Anno Domini*.