

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING minutes  
April 13, 2010  
3:00-5:00 p.m.  
107 Lab of Mechanics**

**Attendance:** Torrie, M; van der Valk, A; Ford, C; Freeman, S; Martin, M; Hendrich, S; Selby, M; Loy, D; Palermo, G; Anderson, P; Porter, M; Walter, S; VanDerZanden, AM; Wallace, R; Owen, M; Carlson, S; Holger, D; Hoffman, E; Osweiler, G

**I Call to Order**

...by van der Valk 3:06 p.m.

**II Consent Agenda**

**A Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, April 13, 2010**

**B Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, March 30, 2010**

Walter made a motion to approve consent agenda, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried.

**III Announcements and Remarks**

**A President**

Van der Valk noted that oversight committees had been formed for the proposed Hort/Ag Ed merger, the merger within Human Sciences, and the restructuring of the Sociology Dept.; noted that work was underway for these three. Noted further that no committee had yet been requested for the proposed NREM/Entomology merger. Noted that the Regents have asked for 5-minute statement on budget related matters from the faculty senate presidents of the three state universities at their upcoming board meeting. Noted that the faculty compensation committee report is finished and will be circulated next week. Noted one finding in the report: salaries for lecturers in the humanities areas have actually dropped, while salaries in other areas are largely static.

**B President-Elect**

Owen noted that spring conference 4/30/2010 all set and that announcements/invites have gone out. Noted that he was very impressed by the accomplishments of the candidates for VEISHEA 2011 co-chairs (Owen was part of selection process). Van der Valk urged EB members to attend the spring conference event, and to promote the event among colleagues.

**C Provost**

Hoffman noted that she cannot be present for the next Senate meeting, and so Carlson can present the annual tenure report summary in her place. Noted that retirement incentives will be enhanced, including a lowering of the minimum age to 55, and an option for swapping medical benefits for additional TIAA/CREF income.

**D Council/Caucus Chairs**

Hendrich (Academic Affairs Council) noted that a proposed bachelor degree in engineering technology (an applied technology degree) is awaiting approval from the Computer Science department. The new degree is a mandate from the state legislature. Hoffman explained that the impetus for the degree emerged when Iowa House Leader Murphy's son could not get some of his Hawkeye Community College credits accepted at UNI. Noted further that the degree would be very politically popular, with strong support from legislators and regents.

Noted that such degrees are fairly common nationwide. Selby added that this is a whole new degree, requiring twenty new courses to be developed, and not simply an articulation agreement. Palermo wondered aloud whether there is a problem of consistency in the quality of education among community colleges in the state; Holger noted that we may be engaging in speculation and that he would like to see a report developed on the matter.

#### **IV Old Business**

##### **A Proposed amendments to Section 3.4 – Porter**

Van der Valk noted that the current version of the proposed Section 3.4 is dated 4/14/2010. Noted that amendment #2 will be ruled out of order, since it guarantees that a position will be found for any tenured faculty member whose position has been eliminated. Noted that amendment #3 constitutes a substantial re-writing of the Section in order to align with AAUP guidelines. Freeman noted that it is unclear who has responsibility to declare a state of financial exigency, under the terms of the amendment; van der Valk replied that if this is unclear, the motion-maker (Pleasants) can be asked for clarification at the Senate meeting. Noted that amendment #4 comes from the Governance Council, and that it addresses the question of where tenure resides. The trigger for this amendment was the concern that elimination of a department should not necessarily entail the elimination of any tenured position within that department. Selby suggested that the amendment should nevertheless not remove language that identifies the department as the home of tenure. Freeman made a motion to this effect—that the amendment add back in the sentence that identifies departments as the home of tenure. Selby seconded, but during discussion added a friendly amendment to the motion, adding a statement that “tenure is conferred by the Board of Regents and is associated with an academic department”. Amended motion carried.

Freeman wondered how different Townsend’s anticipated re-submitted amendment would need to be in order to be considered a new amendment rather than another version of the one defeated previously. Van der Valk noted that the presiding officer may make that determination.

##### **B Proposed Revision of Section 10.8 of the Faculty Handbook – [S09-21] – Hendrich**

Hendrich noted that the major proposed change to the section is in the program discontinuation policy—in particular, resolving questions as to whether voting at various levels of review are advisory or determinative. Now stipulated that a department’s vote on its own death sentence would be advisory. Noted that Townsend wants to provide for a supermajority (2/3) program-discontinuation vote at the Senate. Torrie asked for clarification of the terms “program” and “major”. Much discussion ensued about the definitions of these terms as well as anomalies such as concurrent degrees. Eventually Owen made a motion to remove the last sentence of the last paragraph of proposed section 10.8, to send the proposed version on to the Senate for deliberation, and to ask the Governance Council to review an parallel language that resides in Section 2.7. VanDerZanden seconded; motion carried.

##### **C MS in Architecture – (Hendrich)**

##### **D MS in Landscape Architecture – (Hendrich)**

##### **E MLA in Landscape Architecture – (Hendrich)**

Palermo made a motion to place the three new degrees on the consent agenda, to save time and the trouble of Hendrich having to introduce them at the Senate meeting. This assumes there are no questions about the degrees, and if there are any, the items can simply be

removed from the consent agenda at the start of the Senate meeting. Anderson seconded; motion carried.

## **V New Business**

### **A Reorganization Committees – (van der Valk/Ford)**

VanDerZanden made a motion that such committees be chaired by the Senate president-elect and that caucus chairs from affected colleges have committee membership roles. Owen seconded; motion carried.

### **B Review of the NTE Teaching Limits – VanderZanden**

VanDerZanden noted that FDAR was making Council-level recommendations, based on the task force's findings: 1. Set a goal for total NTE instruction of 20% for colleges; 2. Develop a college-level responsibility statement (similar to ones in place for departments); 3. Ask for a strategic plan for eventual compliance to be developed by units that do not currently meet the goal. Palermo made a motion for the EB to accept the report as submitted and to ask the Governance Council to review it and to subsequently propose changes to the Handbook that effectuate explicitly the 20% maximum NTE instruction figure for colleges. Freeman seconded; motion carried.

### **C Bachelor of Industrial Design – (Hendrich)**

(Hendrich had departed by this point in the proceedings) Selby wondered about the nature of any Engineering College input to this degree proposal. Holger noted that he cannot speak directly to the question, but noted that the proposed degree appeared to have strong support from Engineering and is highly valued/sought-after by Design. Hoffman added that the degree is a priority for first-year Design Dean Luis Rico-Gutierrez. Palermo suggested that EB allow this in as new business, but to make sure that an advocate can be on hand to address any questions that may arise at the Senate meeting. Wallace made a motion to this effect; Owen seconded, motion carried.

### **D Word Change to FH Section 2.4.1 - (Porter)**

Removed.

## **VI Approval of Senate Agenda for April 20, 2010**

Add a new special order #2: Provost will present tenure report. Owen made a motion to approve agenda as amended. Freeman seconded; motion carried.

## **VII Good of the Order**

Owen asked that EB members attempt to assure that departments and colleges are well-represented at the 4/30/2010 spring conference event.

## **VIII Adjourn**

At 4:58 Wallace made a motion to adjourn. Owen seconded; motion carried.

## **NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010**

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-sixth day of April in the year MMX Anno Domini.