

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

April 27, 2010

3:00-5:00 p.m.

107 Lab of Mechanics

Attendance

Van der Valk, A; Ford, C; Torrie, M; Freeman, S; Martin, M; Hendrich, S; Selby, M; Loy, D; Palermo, G; Anderson, P; Porter, M; Walter, S; Osweiler, G; VanDerZanden, AM; Wallace, R; Owen, M; Carlson, S; Holger, D; Hoffman, E; Tanaka, P (OUC); Meernik, J. (ACE Fellow); Thompson, J;

I Call to Order – 3:00 p.m.

By van der Valk

II Consent Agenda

A Agenda, Executive Board Meeting, April 27, 2010

B Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, April 13, 2010

Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda. Anderson seconded; motion carried.

III Announcements and Remarks

A President

Van der Valk noted that the Regents meet next week. ISU will make a report at the meeting on its budget. No news expected. Noted that because of concerns about the confidentiality of the graduation list, it will be made available for review for only one week, beginning 4/28/2010. Some puzzlement expressed by EB members as to why this would be an issue; perhaps related to FIRPA. Noted that Council chairs and Caucus chairs need to submit their annual summary reports (on their respective doings of the past year) to the Senate President ASAP.

B President-Elect

Owen reminded about the spring conference even coming on Friday 4/30/2010. Noted that the EB retreat will be held 6/2/2010.

C Provost

Hoffman not yet present; expected later in meeting.

D Council/Caucus Chairs

No reports.

IV Old Business

A Proposed remaining amendment to Section 3.4 – (Porter)

Van der Valk and Porter noted that amendments have been wordsmithed a bit further by van der Valk, Pleasants and the Governance Council. Van der Valk itemized the changes, which included minor typographical or grammatical adjustments (“which”

becomes “that”, “can” becomes “may”, “to-may-to” becomes “to-mah-to”, etc.) as well as an edit made to refer to the “termination of an appointment” rather than a “termination of a faculty member”, which sounds sort of deadly. In one instance “good faith effort” becomes “reasonable effort”. Walter made a motion to accept the version as amended. VanDerZanden seconded; motion carried.

B Proposed Revision of Section 10.8 [S09-21] – (Hendrich)

Hendrich noted that Section 10.8 was sent to Academic Affairs (AcAff), and AcAff wanted to split the table in 10.8 because some of the material therein seemed unsuited for that section of the Handbook. The Governance Council thereupon studied the matter and decided that the table could be split between Sections 10.8 and 2.7. Noted that we have a proposed 10.8 ready for review and discussion, but that there would likely not be much time for discussion of it at the Senate meeting because of the continued preoccupation with the amendment-festooned Section 3.4. Van der Valk suggested we put 10.8 off until the fall. Freeman then made a motion to that effect (postpone it to the 9/14/2010 Senate meeting). Anderson seconded; motion carried.

C Proposed friendly amendment to S09-21 from Governance Council - (Porter)

Postponed as part of the motion above.

III C Provost report

Hoffman now present. Reiterated that President Geoffroy will make report to Regents at upcoming board meeting. ISU’s budget strategies will include encouraging retirements by lowering minimum age to 55 with 10 years minimum service. Another allowance will provide for substitution of health benefits for additional TIAA/CREF contributions. Yet another will make new provisions for phased retirement options. Hoffman ended her report by applauding the Senate’s work on Handbook revisions.

D Reorganization Committees – (van der Valk/Ford)

Van der Valk noted that he and Ford have been meeting with the reorganization monitoring committees. Still no request to establish an oversight committee for the apparently uneventful and non-controversial NREM/Entomology merger, and none expected to be forthcoming.

Torrie initiated a discussion by asking for a definitional distinction among the terms “school”, “program”, and “major”, with respect to understanding where tenure resides and who has review responsibilities in promotion and tenure cases. Some concerns raised about reorganizations that may alter a faculty position’s relationship to administrative units. After much discussion, Hoffman clarified that tenure is initially reviewed at department or at a “department equivalent” level. No worries.

E Bachelor of Industrial Design – (Hendrich)

Hendrich had left, so Hoffman spoke briefly about the proposal, noting that the new program is of special interest to the new Design Dean Luis Rico-Gutierrez.

V New Business

A B.E.T. in Information and Computer Engineering Technology [S09-28] – Hendrich

Thompson noted that FSCC has met twice to discuss the venture. The BET will require establishment of 18 new courses. Noted that it is a degree designed as a way to attract students from community colleges. Noted that voting in the Engineering College broke down as follows: 92Y, 32N, 15A. Thompson read excerpts from the minutes of the Engineering faculty meeting at which the vote was recorded. Noted that concerns were expressed about duplication of courses. Noted that the faculty had also voted to await feedback from Business and LAS Colleges. Noted that the Business College curriculum committee had recommended that a joint advisory committee be created to oversee the BET curriculum. Noted that Computer Science department had written a letter supporting the BET in concept, but also expressing a desire to share administrative duties and to have governance oversight. The FSCC later approved the BET but also established a coordinating committee that would have oversight of BET but also all computer-related academic offerings. Noted that Computer Science faculty feel there is significant overlap with courses they offer—perhaps 5 to 9 of those identified in the BET proposal, but acknowledged that determination of overlap is a bit dodgy as yet because of lack of specificity in BET proposals (brief course title/descriptions but no detailed curriculum description).

Holger pointed out that Computer Science claims overlap but will not identify which courses overlap. Van der Valk predicted that this venture will probably go back to Academic Affairs. Holger continued, expressing dismay with Computer Science, asking whether it is reasonable to allow that department to hold up a process that many have worked on, when Computer Science won't identify the particular overlap issues.

It was now a bit past 4:30PM. The EB had anticipated that Doug Jacobsen might show up in the last half hour of this meeting to help explain the BET issues. Van der Valk decided to suspend the discussion and hope he might appear, and to move on to final EB agenda items in the meantime.

B Masters of Industrial Design [S09-29] – Hendrich

Thompson noted that degree had been jumped through all the approval hoops: AAC, FSCC, letters of support, etc. Palermo noted that the program would reside within ISA (Integrated Studio Arts, itself a program under the department of Art and Design). Owen made a motion to include it as New Business for the Senate. Walter seconded; motion carried.

C Word Change to FH Section 2.4.1 - (Porter)

Porter noted that the definition of NTER needs fixin'—that's all—just making the Handbook internally consistent (Section 3.3.3.1 states that NTER are **not** members of the general faculty). Owen made a motion to accept as New Business and to place the item on the consent agenda. VanDerZanden seconded; motion carried.

VI Approval of Senate Agenda for May 4, 2010

It was now 4:45PM, and Van der Valk decided to abandon any faint hope that Jacobsen might appear for BET discussion resolution. Ford made a motion to place the BET onto the Senate agenda as New Business. Owen seconded; motion carried.

VII Good of the Order

Hoffman noted that the late T.J. Wood, an Engineering student who died from meningitis only weeks before he was due to graduate, would be awarded a posthumous degree.

VIII Adjourn

Wallace made a motion to adjourn at 4:48PM. Owen seconded; motion carried.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

Minutes assiduously recorded, painstakingly typed and respectfully submitted by Michael David Martin, duly elected (but at this point, happily, lame-duck) Recording Secretary of the Iowa State University Faculty Senate, upon this sixth day of May in the year MMX *Anno Domini*.