

Faculty Senate – Academic Affairs Council

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – 1:00 PM – Zoom (<https://iastate.zoom.us/j/98984115147>)

Notetaker: Anita Micich

Members attending:

Beitz, Donald; Parsa, Rahul; Kang, Sunghyun R; Bolser, Karl; Brumm, Thomas; Boylston, Terri; Hurst, Jessica; Sterle, Jodi; VanDerZanden, Ann Marie; Micich, Anita; Bennett-George, Sarah; Behnken, Brian

Absent

Cochran, Eric

Others attending: Andrea Wheeler, Tim Borich, Clay Thomas, Francis Owusu, Deidra Schleicher, Judi Eyles, Natalia Gray, Valentina Salotti

1. Call to Order

- a. Introduction: Most of our committee are returning. Sarah asked us to introduce ourselves.
- b. Schedule for Taking Minutes – Sarah will send a list for the year. Anita Micich agreed to be the note taker for this meeting.

2. Approve Minutes – April 7, 2021 Meeting : MOTION: Rahul Parsa: To Approve – Don Beitz Second – APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Andrea Wheeler comments: “I miss academic affairs”. Enjoy what this committee does and it has a broad range to address various issues. Asking all committee chairs – what is most important for your committee this year what are the special issues we are facing? We can bring resolutions, etc. forward. What will be our CHARGE as a committee – our focus? She has the full range of faculty concerns – University is “killing us” to faculty who are saying “I am alright” – don’t go down the road of vaccinations – range of views at the moment – very difficult place and difficult conversations to have with faculty. Find a way to navigate. If we have questions we can visit directly with Andrea.

Comments: We may not know what the concerns are right now. Thank you for being our navigator.

Committee Reports

a. FS Curriculum Committee – Brumm

Issues: Undergrad Certificate that does not require a BA degree. The Standards Committee is working with us. Likely will approve a change to the catalogue format for continuity.

b. Academic Standards – Boylston

Certificates: last two meetings have focused on this. There is support, but ensuring that students who have a certificate without a BA – came from Doug Jacobson proposal. Some students have Associate Degree in Cyber-Security – but need additional training. Offers some potential students. There are peer institutions that offer a Certificate without a BA degree. Add a 60 credit for certificate program, to have more rigor and getting a gen ed

background/comparable to an Associates Degree. Will have updates soon.

Concerns: What is a certificate and having different requirements. Professional Certificate. May not want to create a large number of professional certificates. The intention is to be a “small select number” of certificate programs. Each Certificate has to go through an approval process.

Packet regarding “drop limit” Lab/Lecture that was passed last year. There appears to be a communication issue related to lab/lecture courses. There are some “fixes” that apparently are in process within the Registrar’s Office. Not sure how this will align/work with WorkDay. Want to make certain that WorkDay can be updated to address and ensure that this will work.

Will discuss further with Tom and the Curriculum Committee.

c. Outcomes Assessment – Hurst

Continuing work on addressing the HLC’s requirements for next visit. All programs must have learning outcomes articulated. All programs are at different stages. Curriculum Map between courses, student experiences, planned for assessments, gaps, red-flags must be addressed before the next visit. Next visit is 2024-2025 time frame. This year goal is to have all learning outcomes completed. Cohesive approach for the entire University.

d. Student Affairs – Sterle

“Waiting to be needed at this time.”

e. Student Government – Roberts

“Attending College Council Meetings. Not much yet.”

3. Old Business

a. U.S. Diversity Requirement/Committee

• Updates/Discussion:

- At least three of the four outcomes: Exec Board/Provost/Pres Signed off on the three learning outcomes. Takeaway – it is in place as it is now. We cannot take away or add to the language at this time. If there is action – we would need to vote to amend. This would fall under our responsibilities if we want a change. Think this over. Reach out to Sarah.
- Committee should think about this – disagree with the decision and the logic that this had to be done – did not follow-Roberts Rules – good governance. This is a question that the Exec Board will need to take up. The way the agenda is set – Not a done deal (Behnken)
- Sarah: if people want to bring up additional information to modify. Her understanding is that we cannot rescind actions taken by the Provost and the President. The Senate cannot rescind these signatures. Andrea: Fundamental to the Senate is a “shared” governance approach. Parliamentary processes. Change is a collaboration. All of the councils have ex-officio representation in discussion. Fundamental to the work. This is a “hot” issue and difficult topic. Exec Board in lieu of the Senate, rather than acting on “behalf of the Senate” – now perceived as a political, considered as a “practical” matter.
- Ann Marie: Four Outcomes were still approved. Focus on the outcomes for students. US Diversity Requirement accomplishment. Focus on these four as the WIN.

- Question: Should we populate the committee now?

Populated initially by Andrea. Does this need to happen now, or is this something that can wait? Decision: We will wait on this.

4. New Business

a. **Major in Healthcare Management – Schleicher(Natalia, Deidra, Clay)**

Summary: Form A: New undergrad major (24cr/7 courses – one elective) Utilized HealthCare Administration and Management program guidelines to develop. ISU would be the only institution in the State with an undergrad program in this area.

MOTION: Don Beitz: Approve Rahul Parsa: Second – PASSED 11-0. To EXEC board

b. **Master of Community Development – Owusu**

Summary: Form A: College of Design (Regional Planning – Owusu – MA development is part of the Great Plains Initiative (Consortium 20 years old to promote online education) 16 years old – Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies program – but does not really belong in that area. Dr. Graves letter of support. Split from Great Plains Initiative. Can expand and offer our own online degree. In community Development as an MA. Transition will take one – two years. Legacy students in the Great Plains Initiative. New students would be part of the new offering. Already have students in the program who could transfer over.

MOTION Tom Brumm: Approve, Don Beitz: Second – PASSED 11-0. To Exec Board

c. **Master of Entrepreneurship – Schleicher**

Summary: IVY College of Business Deidra Schleicher (MGMT) Judy Iles- Pappajohn Center Core competencies exist, a MA program would complement our other programs already have BA, PhD and Cert. Packaging together of what we are already doing within the department for entrepreneurship. Has a heavy “experiential” component. This is just a one year program.

Two required courses and heavy dose of electives and experiential. Are any of these part of the MBA program – could these be used – they will double check on this potential option. Concurrent option might be very helpful.

MOTION: Rahul Parsa Approve: Jodi Sterle Second – PASSED 11-0. To Exec Board

d. **Certificate in Science Communication – Wald**

No one available to present. Tom Brumm addressed this. There is a real need for journalists, corporate - companies, and those that understand science specifically. Curriculum committee supported this. Students can specialize in various areas of science. If students already have either background they can choose journalism or science areas that may be needed. Some advising will occur to help students in selecting specific courses. Has a multi-disciplinary approach. Science offerings are only from LAS. Why is Ag not included. Go back to the program – to expand the practice in science list.

MOTION: Behnken-Approve: Jodi Sterle Second – PASSED 11-0. To Exec Board

Good of the order
Adjourned 2 pm

Next Meeting: October 20, 2021