



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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Present: Al Shihabi, D. (FDAR); Bennett-George, S. (Academic Affairs); Bratsch-Prince, D. (Associate Provost); Butler, A. (Secretary); Daniels, T. (Engineering); Faber, C. (Past President); Franks, M. (Governance); Freeman, S. (J&A); Gillette, M. (CHS); Knief, A. (Parliamentarian); Muecke, M. (COD); Oberhauser, A. (RPA); Parsa, R. (COB); Perkins, J. (President-Elect); VanDerZanden, A.M. (Associate Provost); Wallace, R. (LAS); Wheeler, A. (President); Wickert, J. (Senior VP and Provost)

Guests: Angstrom, S.; Boettger, N.; Boettger, D.

1. Call to Order

President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. when quorum was reached.

2. Consent Agenda

EB Agenda April 26, 2022

EB Minutes April 12, 2022

President-Elect Perkins asked that EB agenda be considered separately.

EB Minutes were adopted without dissent.

President-Elect Perkins moved to add a Special Order to recognize Sherri Angstrom for Administrative Professionals Day (and to wish her a happy birthday). Secretary Butler seconded. The modified agenda was adopted.

2.5 Special Order:

Recognition of Ms. Angstrom for Administrative Professionals Day (and Birthday)

President-Elect Perkins presented Ms. Angstrom with a flower arrangement and card.

3. Unfinished Business

3.1. Name Change: Interdisciplinary Design [21-21] – Bennett-George

No discussion

3.2. Incomplete Policy [21-22] – Bennett-George

No discussion

3.3. B.S. Climate Science [21-23] – Bennett-George

No discussion

3.4. FH 5.2.2 Inclusion of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Faculty Review Section [21-24] – Frank

Senator Frank reported that four comments were received. Two of these noted that “innovation” and “entrepreneurship” are not mentioned in the sections concerning teaching or extension.

Discussion included points about use of the term ‘innovation’ and the manner in which evaluations will be conducted if the term is not defined. It was recommended that a fuller explanation about how ‘innovation’ and ‘entrepreneurship’ will be addressed with respect to teaching and extension. Further discussions with J. Reecy and B. Hornbuckle resulted in several modifications and revisions to the proposal’s language, which were vetted by the Governance Council.

[Business was temporarily interrupted by the welcome visit of Regent Nancy Boettger and her husband, David.]

Senator Gillette said that CHS Caucus was unanimous that this proposal was not ready to be voted on. They were especially concerned about the term “innovation”, if it should be defined, and how it would be interpreted. Continued discussion included issues of a definition of ‘scholarship’ and how it relates to teaching and research. It was suggested that the *Faculty Handbook* should provide guidance on what scholarship is, and whether there would be variations in perception of the definition among the different colleges. There was a suggestion that this would not be a revision to policy, but that scholarship in entrepreneurship and innovation is already well-defined.

Further discussion noted that the committee headed by Sen. Hornbuckle may be far-reaching and might be trying to re-define “scholarship”; it may be difficult to reach consensus on a definition. Concluding the discussion on this issue, many EB members expressed support for moving the proposal forward, and that the differences in opinion of definitions of established terms and meaning of ‘scholarship’ should not impede the progress of this proposal.

3.5. Solidarity with Ukraine Resolution [21-25] – Kovnir

President Wheeler said that she received a number of questions from Senator Schaal (WLC) and an amendment to clarify that the boycott should be against Russian *government* propaganda. President Wheeler said that she would contact Senator Kovnir to see whether that change is acceptable.

4. New Business

4.1. BA in Computer Science [21-26] – Bennett-George

Senator Bennett-George said that this new degree add a BA option in addition to the existing BS degree. The degree program would offer the same depth of knowledge; the BA allows for greater breadth, with students able to select second majors or minors to complement their experience in Computer Science. Associate Provost VanDerZanden suggested Journalism or Communication Studies could bridge the connection between the technical computer side and the user interface piece. She said that this was an opportunity for growth. It was noted that the proposers were interested in the possibility of suspending the rules to permit a vote at the first reading to enable progress on the further approval of the degree over the summer. Associate Provost VanDerZanden observed that the first set of courses for the BA degree are ready to be offered. Provost Wickert noted that open option students may wish to change their majors to the BA program, which may be good from a retention standpoint.

4.2. Transfer Deficiencies Policy [21-27] – Bennett-George

This proposal removes the current requirement for a transfer student with a GPA below 2.0 to make up the GPA deficiency with work at ISU. It was noted that the revised policy is more lenient, but it retains the spirit of having students prove themselves while enrolled at ISU. EB members agreed that given the nature of the changes, the last sentence in the “Admissions” section did not make sense and agreed to delete it. Senator Frank moved to include the modified proposal in the FS agenda for a first reading; second by Perkins. The motion was adopted.

5. Announcements

5.1. President

President Wheeler said that ISU’s departure from the Association of American Universities (AAU) raised a number of questions from faculty. She added that she and other members of EB have received press inquiries. She thought that the impact would be likely to unfold over the next months, maybe even years. She said that she and President-Elect Perkins met with the Provost ahead of the President’s Council and University Professors meetings. President Wheeler said that as she understands the matter, because ISU does not have access to NIH funding, ISU is unlikely to be able to continue to meet the metrics for membership.

5.2. President-Elect

President-Elect Perkins said that he would like to meet with EB on May 10.at 12:00-1:30 on Webex, to avoid conflict with the Tero workshop. Perkins said that he is working to identify the last of the new caucus chairs and set things up for summer to keep momentum going; he will meet with Provost Wickert and ISU President Wintersteen tomorrow.

5.3. Past President

Past President Faber said that the FH Revisions committee is still working on FH Chapter 8.

5.4. Senior Vice President and Provost

AAU Membership

Provost Wickert said that last week it was announced that the university has concluded membership in AAU. There were articles published in *Inside Iowa State*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *Inside Higher Ed*. An official university press release was also issued. The Provost said that the issue was “playing out as expected”, and that ISU has been able to deliver our message about the priorities of the association relative to the mission of our university. Secretary Butler interrupted, pointing out that she had requested a formal response from ISU President Wintersteen at the upcoming FS meeting, in order to explain why she had not provided any announcement of this in her remarks to FS “two days earlier” and to answer any faculty questions. Provost Wickert said that ISU President Wintersteen will decline that request. He added that he will be present at FS meeting and be able to address senators’ questions. Provost Wickert said that he thought it was an important decision, but he speculated that we will see very little impact on our campus. He has also reached out to stakeholders and alumni, who have been very supportive. Discussion continued briefly about the possible impact of ISU’s departure from AAU.

ISU Foundation Governors Meeting

The ISU Foundation Governors are strong donors of the university with ties to the university. At the meeting, a panel of research faculty will discuss their work. ISU President Wintersteen will

deliver remarks about the forthcoming investments in the implementation of the strategic plan in areas very close to our academic mission.

Commencement

Beth Ford, president and chief executive officer of Land O' Lakes, and Subra Suresh, president and Distinguished University Professor at Nanyang Technological University will receive honorary degrees. CVM Professor and alumnus Qijing Zhang will deliver the address at the graduate ceremony. Provost Wickert noted that a recent article in the *Chronicle* reported that few universities are holding in-person ceremonies, whereas ISU has been doing so for a couple of semesters.

Enrollment

Provost Wickert said that the number of first-year admits is looking good in terms of accepts, including resident and nonresident; transfer enrollments are slower to develop. Provost Wickert said that there has been a trend for families to put down deposits in two places; the importance of summer orientation to “close the deal” and to be sure courses are offered that allow new admits to the courses they need. EB members discussed student retention strategies and goals.

5.5. Council Chair Reports

AAC: The US Diversity Requirement committee decided on percentages that a class has to meet to count as a U.S. Diversity course. They are working on a rubric to evaluate classes and are developing a communication plan for faculty. The committee wanted to know how much approval of the rubric and communication plan is required beyond the committee. Many EB members thought that these decisions should be in the hands of the committee, perhaps extending to the AAC for approval, and that there *does* need to be formal process in place for approval and communication of approved or non-approved of courses, and to accommodate appeals or resolve disputes for courses that are not approved. It was noted that the new learning outcomes should be included in the 2023-2024 University Catalog.

FDAR: Senator Al Shihabi said that she met with Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince to plan for Fall 2022, including faculty Intellectual Property rights, equity in service evaluation and recognition, faculty-administrative relationships, and IP issues for faculty files on Workday. She noted that students are recognizing the tremendous effort faculty are putting forth, and said that conflict of interest is becoming an issue in P&T review.

GOV: Senator Frank said that a task force is wrapping up its work and Governance will meet virtually to plan for the fall.

J&A: Senator Freeman said that there are three ongoing appeals. The council is also working on some changes to FH regarding non-disciplinary corrective action.

RPA: Senator Oberhauser said that the council will hold its last meeting tomorrow.

5.6. Caucus Chair Reports

Business: None

Design: None

Engineering: Senator Daniels said that there have been lots of problems about communication from IT about impact on units in college, e.g., Google transition for students.

Human Sciences: None

LAS: The caucus will meet virtually tomorrow to discuss various issues, including ISU's departure from AAU. The caucus will meet face-to-face with Dean Schmittmann on 4 May about the 'Reimagining LAS' initiative.

6. Approval of the May 3, 2022 Faculty Senate Agenda

a. Secretary Butler moved to insert a Special Order for ISU President Wintersteen to address FS about the decision to leave AAU. The motion was not seconded.

b. Senator Wallace moved to adopt the agenda; Past President Faber seconded. The motion was adopted, with one dissent.

7. Good of the Order

a. Senator Wallace said that Regent Bates will be on campus next Monday, and solicited nominations for one more faculty visit. He also lauded President Wheeler for her service on EB over a long and trying year.

b. Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince said that there will be a retirement party for Senator Rosa, starting at 4:30 in the Pioneer Room and ending at 6:30. She wanted FS to be mindful of this potential conflict in conducting its business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

[Minutes by A Butler; revised by R.S. Wallace - 8 October 2022]