



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2023 – 3:30–5:00 P.M.
SUNROOM, MEMORIAL UNION

Present: Armstrong, P.; Anderson, M.; Bardhan, R.; Behnken, B.; Bennett-George, S.; Bigelow, T.; Bolser, K.; Burrough, E.; Cho, M.; Dewell, G.; Dubisar, A.; Faber, C.; Fleming, C.; Frank, M.; Freeman, S.; Gillette, M.; Hall, S.; Hanson, V.; Hornbuckle, B.; Janvrin, D.; Johnson, D.; Kang, S.; Kedrowski, K.; Kreider, B.; Lonergan, E.; Lutz, R.; Mao, H.; Martin, M.; Mellata, M.; Morgan, E.; Munkvold, G.; Padgett-Walsh, C.; Parsa, R.; Perkins, J.; Peters, D.; Peterson, D.; Poplin, A.; Reddy-Best, K.; Robertson, A.; Schaal, M.; Schieltz, J.; Schrier, T.; Schwartz, C.; Smalley, S.; Smiley, A.; Stacy-Bates, K.; Svec, C.; Wallace, R.; Wang, Q.; Watanabe, O.; Wheeler, A.; Wilgenbusch, E.; Winer, E.; Wood, A.; Wu, H.; Xiang, C.; Zerbib, S.

Absent: Al Shihabi, D.; Berger, D.; Cook, K.; Cutrona, C.; Daniels, T.; Davis, R.; Day, T.; Kovnir, K.; McGrail, M.; Nair, A.; Obbink, M.; Pistolesi, S.; Prabhu, G.; Roe, K.; Rosentrater, K.; Shin, Y.; Townsend, T.; Vary, J.; Wade, N.; Williams, C.; Wu, C.; Zarechnyy, O.

Substitutes: F. Montabon for Denizel, M.; P. Griffiths for Hernandez, B.; D. Smith for Micich, A.; Y. Jia

Guests: Wickert, J. (Provost); Bratsch-Prince, D. (Assoc. Provost); VanDerZanden, A. (Assoc. Provost); Knief, A. (Parliamentarian); Budlong, J. (Univ. Relations).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Perkins at 3:31 p.m.

- a. Seating of Substitute Senators - As listed above, four substitute senators were seated.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. FS Agenda April 4, 2023 – [22/A/8]
- b. FS Minutes March 21, 2023 – [22/M/7]
- c. FS Docket Calendar – [22/C/8]

The Consent Agenda was adopted by acclamation, without opposition.

3. Special Order: Update on USD Course Requirement Course Approval Process – Kelly Reddy-Best, Chair, US Diversity Course Requirement Committee – 3:35 p.m.

- Kelly Reddy-Best presented an update in the U.S. Diversity Course Requirement Committee by initially reviewing the committee charge and explained the procedure by which courses to be considered for USD status are submitted, reviewed, and approved.

Approved courses must achieve 3 of the four approved learning outcomes for at least 70% of the course.

- As of 31 March 2023, there have been 105 courses submitted; 82 have been approved and 9 were not approved. It is estimated that for the next academic year (2023-2024) there are approximately 8,000 seats available in USD approved courses, which meets the projected need for students requiring these courses.
- Three committee meetings still remain to be held in the Spring 2023 semester; additional review of 16 submitted courses will continue to take place, as well as review of courses that may be submitted for review over the next few weeks.
- Future considerations to be determined by the committee are: 1) Completion of review of new courses submitted; 2) Determine how frequently approved courses are evaluated and renewed for USD status; and 3) Determine an annual deadline for submission of courses to be considered for USD status.
- Senator Padgett-Walsh asked about the status of transfer courses meeting USD requirements. Dr. Reddy-Best stated that these courses would be reviewed, but the process of how this will take place has not yet been determined. Assoc. Provost VanderZanden also stated that they have identified the top 29 courses most frequently transferred, and these are being reviewed for potential approval as USD courses. Dr. VanderZanden also took the opportunity to thank Dr. Reddy-Best for her service and leadership on the USD Course Requirement Committee.
- Senator Schieltz asked that of the 82 approved courses to date, what proportion of those courses were previously approved to count for USD credit. Dr. Reddy-Best responded that although this number was not specifically tracked throughout the process, a significant number of courses which were previously approved as USD courses were approved to continue their USD status.
- Senator Behnken asked whether faculty related how much time and effort they spent on developing and proposing the courses. There was no formal reporting of this aspect of the course submission or approval process.

4. Unfinished Business

- a. FH 2.9 Definitions – Duplication of definitions in sections 2.9 and 7.2.7 – [22-18] – Frank
 - The proposed change in the Faculty Handbook was briefly reviewed by Sen. Frank. He had received no further comments or concerns about this proposed change. Upon voting, the motion was adopted by voice vote, without dissent.
- b. FH 6.3, 6.3.1.1, 6.3.2.1, and 6.3.3.1 – Eligibility for University, Distinguished, and Morrill Professors [22-19] – Frank
 - Sen. Frank described the proposed eligibility change as outlined in the proposal. Since the last Faculty Senate meeting, he has received no further comments or concerns about this proposed change.

- Senator Smiley asked whether term faculty would be eligible for the title of Distinguished Professor. All honorific titles (Distinguished, University, and Morrill) would be eligible to term faculty.
 - Senator Peterson explained that the Governance Council is reviewing all university awards to include the eligibility for term faculty.
 - Upon voting, the motion was adopted by voice vote, without dissent.
- c. Discontinuation B.S. Biophysics [22-20] – Parsa
- Senator Parsa described the proposed discontinuation, citing declining enrollment of current Biophysics majors (<5) and changes in the discipline, noting that what was previously taught under ‘biophysics’ is not taught within the Biochemistry Major. To date, he has received no further comments or concerns about this proposed discontinuation. Upon voting, the motion was adopted by voice vote, without dissent.

5. New Business

- a. Discontinuation of B.A. in Speech Communications Major – [22-21] – Parsa
- Senator Parsa described the proposed discontinuation, citing declining enrollment of current Speech Communication majors (<5). Senator Wood asked the question whether the various skills learned in the courses to be no longer taught will be included in other courses. Sen. Dubisar [English] explained that the specialized communication skills taught in several of the courses being discontinued would not be taught in the remaining courses that are offered in those courses that will support general education requirements and the Speech Communication Minor. This action is presented for its first reading.

6. Announcements

- a. Faculty Senate President - Perkins
- President Perkins explained that a recommendation (endorsed by the Executive Board) to add a link to the Canvas home page allowing students to access Mental Health services will be forwarded to CELT and others to assist with this addition.
 - He reminded senators that at the next Faculty Senate meeting on April 18th, elections will be held for council chairs of the following councils: Academic Affairs, Faculty Development and Administrative Relations, and Resource Policies and Allocations.
 - Perkins also stated that he will be presenting a statement on ISU faculty salary and compensation to the Board of Regents at its next meeting on April 19-20.
- b. Faculty Senate President-Elect – Bennett-George - No report
- c. Senior Vice President and Provost - Wickert
- The Provost stated that LAS College Dean Beate Schmittmann has announced her intention to retire in June 2024. This allows 13 months to conduct a national search and time for transition with the next dean of the college. College of Engineering Dean Easterling and Assoc. Provost Bratsch-Prince will chair the search committee; the search will begin immediately and will be assisted by an external search consulting group.

- The search for the next director of the Ames Lab continues, and is chaired by Vice President for Research Peter Dorhout and Ames Lab Chief Research Officer James Morris.
- On April 7th, it is anticipated that approximately 900 students admitted to Iowa State will be visiting with family members (total of approx. 2,200 people) to see the campus, attend information sessions, and potentially sign their acceptance forms. This has been a productive recruitment event in the past.
- The Provost noted that House File Bill 616 did not make it through the second “funnel” date in the legislature and will not proceed in its proposed form, although aspects of it may still be attached to other appropriation bills. At this point, we are awaiting advice from the Board of Regents on how to proceed with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives following a review of these activities at all Regents institutions by a Board of Regents *ad hoc* committee.
- Some final announcements include:
 - The Honors Program nominated four students for prestigious Goldwater Scholarship awards; all four ISU student nominees were awarded the Goldwater scholarship.
 - Retiring VP for Extension and Outreach John Lawrence had his last day on March 31st and that incoming VP Jason Henderson began in his position on April 3rd.
 - Professor Paul Plummer, Anderson Chair of Veterinary Sciences, has been appointed as chair of a Presidential Advisory Council, and will provide a presentation on antimicrobial resistance to a national group.
- d. P&S Council – No report
- e. Student Government – No report.
- f. Graduate and Professional Student Senate – No report.

7. Good of the Order

- Faculty Senate Secretary Wallace asked the body for faculty to participate in a brief meeting with Regents Risewick or Lindenmayer who will visit campus at the end of the semester. He also asked for volunteers to serve as faculty marshals at University commencement ceremonies on May 13th. Marshals are needed from the LAS and Human Sciences colleges for the 7 pm commencement and from Engineering and Design Colleges for the 2:00 pm ceremony. Please contact him to volunteer for any of these service opportunities.
- Senator Freeman reminded the senators that the Center for Excellence in Learning and teaching will be celebrating its 30th year on Thursday, April 6th. All faculty have benefitted from CELT’s activities and training they provide. Please attend the anniversary celebration if you are able to.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by President Perkins at 4:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Wallace, Secretary - ISU Faculty Senate