

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
FACULTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
3:30-5:15 pm
Penn State Room, 337 IMU

MINUTES

Councilors Present: L. Boyle, C. Catney, J. Cox, D. Drake, T. Mangum
L. Richman, J. Sa-Aadu, L. Snetselaar, B. Thompson,
J. Tomkovicz J. Woodhead, and Li Yi

Officers Present: S. Kurtz, S. McGuire, M. O'Hara, and V. Sharp

Councilors Excused: B. Justman, D. D'Alessandro, J. Tomkovicz, V. Grassian, M. Cohen

Councilors Absent: G. Bulechek G. Russell and R. Williams

Guests: R. Dobyms (Family Medicine), L. Lopes, (Interim Provost), C. Green
(Public Safety), D. Heldt (Gazette), C. Hogan (*The Daily Iowan*),
S. Johnson (AP/Faculty), Nicole Mason, Journalistic Rep. &
Writing, C, Orgren & P. Nathan (Emeritus Council), B. Morelli
(*Press Citizen*), S. Nicoles (*KCRG*), and Debbie Millsap (Office
of the Provost)

I. Call to Order – President Sharp called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm

II. Approvals -

- a. Meeting Agenda — Past President Kurtz moved to approve the meeting agenda; Professor Cox seconded; the agenda was approved.
- b. Faculty Council Minutes (September 4, 2007). Past President Kurtz moved, seconded by Professor O'Hara to approve the minutes. They were unanimously approved.
- c. Senate Replacements – (Michael O'Hara). Past President Kurtz moved, seconded by Professor Drake to accept the Senate replacements as follows: Robert Glasgow (Art and Art History) to replace Daniel Balderston (Spanish & Portuguese) on the Faculty Senate for CLAS, Group 1, for Spring Semester 2008.

III. New Business

HLC Accreditation Process – Professor Kenneth Brown

Professor Kenneth Brown, College of Business, provided the members with an overview of the HLC Accreditation Process. Professor Brown stated the report is over 200 pages. He asked Councilors to provide feedback on the report. He stated the steering committee headed by Senior Vice Provost Tom Rocklin will have two open Town Hall meetings and several appointments with students. In this self study they have asked what the University of Iowa needs to be doing. He explained they are having some trouble generalizing this study. Professor Brown stated that they do not make decisions on curriculum issues. He explained that this Self Study will be used for the next 10 years.

21- Bar Entry Initiative (Richard Dobyns, Family Medicine). Dr. Dobyns thanked the Council for inviting him to address the 21-only ordinance, a ballot initiative in the November 6th City election. He sought the Council's support. Dr. Dobyns presented several charts illustrating statistics that 17,800 underage students at the University of Iowa are able to go into the bars. He said that Tom Baker, University of Iowa Vice President for Student Affairs, said that Iowa City is a drinking destination for underage consumers. Dr. Dobyns provided statistics whereby 38% of UI students have been insulted/humiliated by a drunken student, 80% of UI students have had study interrupted by a drunk student and 31% have experienced unwanted sexual advances, regretted sexual activity. He stated that he is bothered that people all over the State of Iowa send their children to the University of Iowa and he feels we have a responsibility to have a better and safer place for the students. Dr. Dobyns explained that research indicates that environmental changes such as reducing underage access to bars and places that serves alcohol, enforce the underage drinking laws, use zoning to control outlet density, regular drink prices specials, require server training and minimum age for sellers and bartenders work. He stated that world wide research shows that benefits of 21 only law will reduce access to and availability of alcohol and reduces high risk of underage drinking. He said that Iowa City should no longer be a drinking destination. Dr. Dobyns presented statistics that 62% support a 21-only ordinance.

Professor Jeff Cox stated he feels it is hypocritical to lure students to downtown and arrest them. Past President Sheldon Kurtz stated that he believes if this passes that it will increase the amount of house parties or students driving to Coralville or North Liberty resulting in more DUI's.

There was discussion by Council members. Some Councilors argued that a 21-only law would change the culture that supports underage and binge drinking. Others felt the referendum might lead to reduced enrollment and hurt the downtown culture.

Emeritus Professor Peter Nathan argued that statistics prove that if this were passed it would reduce net consumption by 30 percent over the next four years.

Professor O'Hara made a motion to vote in support of the 21-only Ordinance. Professor McGuire seconded. Further discussion ensued. Professor Mangum made a friendly amendment, and it was accepted, to not vote as a Council, but instead to bring the issue to the Senate. Further discussion ensued. Professor Thompson agreed

that bringing the issue to the Senate rather than voting now was necessary given very little discussion had taken place. He encouraged considering the inclusion of a counter opinion at the Senate meeting. Professor Kurtz stated he was troubled by the faculty voting at all on an issue that is going up for a public vote and believes it is not the Council's role to take an official position.

Professor Mike O'Hara stated that he fully supports the 21-only ordinance. He believes this is a very important issue that deserves a full discussion from the Faculty Senate.

Professor O'Hara moved to forward the issue to the full Senate for further discussion without a recommendation. The result of the vote were 13 in favor, two abstained.

2. Smoking Policy

Susan Johnson, Associate Provost for Faculty provided an update on the No Smoking Policy. Susan stated if President Mason supports this policy it could go into effect by July, 2008.

There was discussion regarding enforcement issues. Susan stated enforcement will be very challenging and the committee is currently addressing these issues.

Professor O'Hara moved and Professor McGuire seconded the motion to support making the University of Iowa a smoke-free campus. The result of the vote was 14 in favor 1 against.

IV. Announcements:

1. Faculty Senate Orientation – Tuesday, October 2, 3:30 – 5:15 pm. 116 Art building West
President Sharp encouraged all faculty members to attend. She stated this is new and more specifics on what is available will be provided at a later date.
2. Faculty Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 3:30 – 5:15 pm., Penn State Room, 337 IMU
3. Faculty Senate meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 3:30 – 5:15 pm, Senate Chamber, Old Capital.
4. President Sharp asked Councilors to let her know if they had any suggestions on new topics and quest speakers.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.