

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

Tuesday, 27 April 1999

Senate Chamber, Old Capitol

Members Present: J. Arora, Z. Ballas, C. Berman, J. Bertolatus, A. Bhattacharjee, S. Bishara, F. Boos, P. Chang, C. Colvin, J. Cox, R. Curto, M. David, A. Dipardo, B. Doebbeling, G. ElKoury, K. Ephgrave, R. Hohl, E. Irish, J. Jew, T. Judge, S. Lawrence, I. Levin, B. Levy, D. Liddell, E. Link, C. Lynch, D. Manderscheid, K. Marra, L. Marshall, J. Moyers, V. Nair, G. Oden, M. Pincus, M. Raymond, C. Ringen, J. Ringen, S. Rynes-Weller, C. Stanford, W. Stanford, M. Stone, K. Tachau, B. Thompson, J. Tomkovicz, R. Abiek, J. Berg, D. Bills, R. Bork, C. Carney Doebbeling, H. Dettmer, S. Larsen, G. Parkin, H. Seaba, J. Soloski, C. Sponsler, L. Troyer, S. Vincent

Members Absent: J. Andrews, M. Barrick, B. Butler, K. Clark, D. Davis, H. Diehl, M. Emery, P. Hitchon, J. Hoballah, D. Klemm, J. Kline, E. Rivera, M. rizzo, D. Rosenthal, R. Christopher, D. Stephens, M. Vargas, D. Wakefield, M. Wall, R. Weir, H. Adams, S. Aquilino, J. Desmond, V. Grassian, P. Muhly, W. Nixon, I. Nygaard, P. Pomrehn, R. Slayton,

Members Absent (excused): L. Burmeister, G. Fischer, M. Grover-McKay, J. Hayes, A. McCarthy, G. Milavetz, A. Roberts, N. Bauman, L. Geist, L. Hunsicker, R. Hurtig, T. Mangum

Guests: C. Drum (University Relations), C. Johnston, (Daily Iowan), J. Whitmore (Office of the Provost), L. Clark (Office of the Provost), E. M. Smith (PMEH)

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM by President Wiley.

II. Election of Vice President and Secretary for 1999-2000: Leon Burmeister, Chair, Elections Committee.

Statements by candidates for Vice President, Carolyn Colvin and John Moyers, and for Secretary, David Bills and Jean Jew, were distributed before the meeting. Ballots for the election of a Vice President and Secretary for the 1999-2000 Faculty Senate were distributed to continuing and newly elected senators.

III. Prof. Lawrence moved, Prof. Lynch seconding, approval of the minutes of the meeting of 23 March 1999. The minutes were approved as corrected without dissent.

IV. Announcements

A. President Wiley announced this year's winners of the Brody awards: Professors William Buss, Donald Heistad and Eugene Spaziani. President Wiley announced this years winners of the Regents awards: Professors Rita Franz, John Knutson, Gene Parkin, Michael Welsh, Burns Weston, and Robert Woolson. There was general acclaim for the winners.

B. President Wiley thanked those Senators whose term ended with this meeting: Professors Jasbir Arora, Zuhair Ballas, Murray Barrick, Samir Bishara, Leon Burmeister, Barry Butler, D. Diane Davis, Huston Diehl, Anne Dipardo, Mary Lou Emery, Ronald Ettinger, Gary Fischer, Maleah Grover-McKay, Joy Hayes, Patrick Hitchon, Erin Irish, David Klemm, Ann Marie McCarthy, Vasu Nair, Gregg Oden, Allen Roberts, Elaine Smith, William Stanford, Dawn Stephens, Douglas Wakefield and Michael Wall.

V. Reports and Discussion: no reports were received.

VI. Old Business

A. Qualifications for Specific Ranks: Bob Wiley.

The criterion for full professors for teaching was reworked by the Faculty Council. It was moved by Prof. Levy, Prof. Lynch seconding, to accept the revised wording distributed before the meeting. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

VII. New Business

A. Committee on Committees Final Report: Katherine Tachau and Jonathan Carlson, substituting for Prof. Butler.

It was moved by Prof. Tachau, Prof. Carlson seconding, to approve the final list of committee appointments. The motion carried without dissent.

B. Annual Reports of Faculty Senate and University Committees: President Wiley.

There were no comments from senators concerning the annual reports, which were accepted without dissent.

C. Faculty Senate Motion Summary, 1997-1998: Vice President Jonathan Carlson

There were numerous motions concerning work by the Provost's Office on promotion and tenure procedures. Most Senate suggestions have been adopted in whole or part. One motion, concerning "educational need" and the tenure decision, requested that the Provost review the provision. The review has not yet been done but they will get to it early in next semester after bringing on line the other procedures.

D. Final address: Senate President Bob Wiley

Pres. Wiley expressed his thanks to the many willing volunteers among the faculty who performed well the tasks requested of them. Numerous achievements were noted in the committee reports. Several policies were developed during the past year: Acceptable Use of Technology, drafted originally by C. Pruess and M. Schantz and revised with the comments and participation of J. Cox and M. David; criteria for promotion evaluation, initially brought forward by Dean L. Maxson and now awaiting comment by the University Counsel; eligibility of retiring Senators for election as senate officers, brought forward by J. Carlson; definitions of faculty ranks, initiated by E. Wasserman. Two surveys were conducted, one on faculty scholarship and service organized by J. Carlson and one on faculty welfare organized by E. Pelton. Two reviews of central administration offices are underway: VP for Finance and University Services, chaired by J. Menninger, and VP for Student Services, chaired by J. Lindberg. Progress has been made in locating space for shared offices for the Faculty Senate, the Staff Council and the Retired Faculty. President Wiley expressed disappointment in not yet having implemented a mechanism for recognizing outstanding teachers. Moves begun and in early stages of progress include an initiative to improve the quality of entering undergraduate students, an inter-institutional effort to respond to the cost of serial subscriptions, to electronic publishing possibilities, etc., and a Senate web page.

The address was received with warm applause.

- E. Prof Tachau noted that two recommendations had been made in the annual report of the Budget and Planning Committee. She thought they should be acted upon. Prof. Tachau therefore moved, Prof. Lynch seconding, that the Senate accept the Budget Committee recommendations and urge the Senate Officers to do their best to implement them. The motion passed without dissent. Prof. Tachau moved, Prof Lawrence seconding, that a new committee be appointed to follow up on departmental and collegiate reviews, a task presently assigned to the Budget and Planning Committee. This motion also passed without dissent.
- F. Prof. Tachau introduced the following motion: The Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty of the University of Iowa, expresses its gratitude to its 1998-99 President, Bob Wiley, for responsive leadership, for helping to restore authority to Charter Committees and other organs of faculty governance, and for the sustained hard work that have characterized his term — for these have benefited the entire University. The Senate also thanks Jon Carlson, Vice President, and John Menninger, Secretary, for their exemplary service to the University. After numerous seconds the motion was passed on a voice vote without dissent.

VIII. President Wiley declared the meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Menninger, Secretary