The Governance Council of the Faculty Senate has three committees that report to it including, the Committee on Senate Documents, the Committee on Committees, and the College and Departmental Document Review (CDDR) Committee. The Governance Documents committee began the year under new leadership from Martha Selby and the considered several document changes for the Faculty Handbook throughout the year. The Committee on Committees’ responsibility was the appointment suggestions to fill the Senate’s committees and liaison positions, and also made arrangements for the spring conference. This committee was chaired by Ann Marie Van Der Zanden and later by Suzanne Hendrich after Van Der Zanden was appointed Director for the Center of Excellence in Learning and Teaching. Additionally, the Governance Council had the responsibility of conducting the Senate’s elections for filling completed or open terms, and other items of governance for the Senate.

The major topics of action for the Governance Council for the 2011-12 academic year were the following – note that these are only topical items (see the Council Minutes on the Faculty Senate website for more details and the attached reports of the committees): Several significant Faculty Handbook modifications were developed from Governance Council actions and include the following:

- Changes to section 2.3 - The Administrative Structure to reflect the current administrative structure in place at Iowa State University.
- Changes to section 2.6 - Changing the language on the faculty governance documents.
- Removal of Chapter 11 from the Faculty Handbook. This chapter dealt with tracking changes made to the Faculty Handbook and had not been used in sometime especially since we have moved to electronic forms of the Faculty Handbook.
- Changes to section 3.1 - Two changes in this area occurred. The first involved minor wording modifications to this section on Appointment Policies. The second set of changes in this area reflects changes in B-base appointments to bring the Faculty Handbook in line with University effort reporting.
- Changes to section 7.2 - Two major changes in this area were needed to bring the University and the Faculty Handbook language in line with current federal regulations on Conflict of Interest and Research Misconduct.
- Changes to section 6.5 - Changes in the Award section of the Faculty Handbook were designed to bring the language up to date with the current awards process.

The Council should be commended for the extra hard work in dealing with the many issues brought before this committee annually. Many of the issues can seem relatively innocuous while others can be much more complex.

The CDDR Committee has again made substantial progress in reviewing governance documents from numerous Colleges and Departments at Iowa State University. This
committee is its fourth year of operation. The committee has been chaired by Tom Loynachan. Dr. Loynachan and the rest of the CDDR committee should be recognized for their tireless efforts need when critically reviewing and providing revision recommendations to the governance documents from numerous Colleges and Departments from across the University that were reviewed this academic year.

Changes to the faculty handbook continue to occur. An updated version of the faculty handbook was made available in during the Spring semester 2012. Martha Selby began her new role as chair of the Senate Documents Committee.

The Governance Council oversaw another successful election of senators and of committee chairs and appointments to the Athletic Council. Overall, the Governance Council had a very busy and productive year, as can be seen by the list of accomplishments and activities listed above. More details on the items listed above can be viewed in the Council’s minutes which are posted on the Senate Website.

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