

Keystone
Baker Subcommittee
Minutes 1-16-03

Present: Dr. O'Malley, Dixie Lewis, Peggy Scott, Barb Bills, Dr. Paul Baker, Jim Kelly,
Dr. Bob Dean

1. Committee members reviewed the Interim Report, making suggestions for revision and clarifying language.
2. Dr. Dean commented that the report implies that turnovers of building principals may be the cause of the difficulties Keystone has experienced. Dr. Baker responded that the problems of implementation in the Keystone by-laws have not been corrected, in part, because of the number of principals over the period of years and the resulting lack of continuity. However, other problems with the by-laws have continued due the ambiguous language of the by-laws themselves, as well as constant re-interpretation due to the fluidity of faculty members on the council and by the changing emphasis of a new dean.
3. Jim Kelly asked Dr. Baker about the by-laws of the ISU Academic Senate. Their rules are interpreted by the Rules Committee, a standing committee of the Senate. We do not have such an interpretive group.
4. Gary asked that the committee discuss Issues 1 – 5, pp 16 – 19, before a review of the report by the faculty. It was agreed that a draft could still be shared, with the understanding that it is still being revised by the committee.
5. How will the faculty deliberate the report? A process will be developed that gives everyone an opportunity to internalize the key issues being considered and to voice their opinions.
6. Timeline (as clarified after the meeting by Dr. Baker):
 - 1/24 Keystone Council Meeting. Copies of report to Keystone members.
 - 2/6 Brief update of committee work shared at faculty meeting
 - 2/6 Governance Committee Meeting. A) Review pp 16-19 B) Generate a list of recommendations for the Final Report C) Develop a plan for school wide deliberations (possible additional meetings)
 - 3/1 Release Final Report to all Faculty/staff.
 - 3/1 – 3/31 School wide deliberations
 - 4/1 Formal statements drafted for preliminary review and discussion (if broad consensus is discerned by Committee)
 - 5/1 Ratification of revised Keystone Bylaws and other documents pertaining to shared governance (unless determined to be premature, then moved to September)

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Bills, secretary