

Minutes of ISU NSTA Student Chapter Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2003
Moulton 307-B
Approved 9/11/03

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rebecca Wenning. Eleven students were in attendance as well as advisor Carl Wenning. Rebecca provided a brief summary and several handouts about NSTA student chapters to newcomers. She quickly reviewed the purposes of the chapters, benefits to students and student membership in NSTA at the national level, and reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Rebecca noted that at the first meeting a list of ideas for ISU student chapter were developed, and at that this meeting some of the activities should be prioritized.

In an open discussion three ideas were generated: (1) using lesson study to develop a lesson for teaching at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center; (2) tutoring science students at University High School through their “peer connections” program, and (3) getting science education advisors to come in to present information about credentialing and TED graduation requirements. Following this, it was decided to have small group discussion to further identify activities with which the ISU student chapter might become involved. The following three additional items were given priority: (4) practice examinations in preparation for ICTS content area exams, as well as the examination of pedagogical knowledge with some information provided about the Enhanced Basic Skills Test, (5) practice “speaking skills” through student presentations, and (6) presentation of lab activities.

It was decided that Natalka Kinal would get additional details from the SEA (Student Education Association) about day-long, weekend-long special events that the NSTA Student Chapter might emulate. Ann McDonald will check into creating t-shirts for the Student Chapter. Will Hatch will investigate the possibility of getting Jenny Grogg to address the group from an advising perspective. Rebecca will find out more about “peer connections” at UHS and report on opportunities for this academic year.

It was also decided that the events of the next meeting, on Thursday, September 11, would include someone to talk about state certification examinations. In addition, students will generate and bring two questions that might be reviewed for the purpose of bringing student knowledge up to speed for the ICTS exams; and Rebecca will generate some questions for a “scholastic bowl” form of competition. Everyone should bring some ideas next time for possible Lesson Study projects.

It was further decided that the ISU NSTA Student Chapter would meet regularly on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Moulton 307-B for the next few months, and that the meetings will henceforth be structured (but not necessarily run) according to Robert’s Rules of Order. Rebecca will move ahead with getting detailed information about registering the chapter as an official ISU student association. Elections will be held for officers on October 2, 2003.

It was announced and brochures provided about the COE competition relating to the ISU Conceptual Framework – Realizing the Democratic Ideal. ITPS brochures were also made available earlier in the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wenning, Secretary Pro Tem