

**Idaho State University
Council of Professional Employees
Board Meeting
Minutes**

Location: Snake River Room – PSUB

Date: October 11, 2006

Time 12pm – 2:00pm

Present:

David Buck, JoAnn Hertz, Angela Askey, Connie Guthrie, Graham Garner, Shawn Akina and Bonnie Frantz

Excused:

Mike Pritchett and Mark Lee

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Graham Garner at 12:10pm.

Agenda Item #1

The first order of business was the replacement of Mike Pritchett and Mark Lee as Board members. Mike was elected as President of the newly formed Staff Council and Mark Lee has accepted a job at another school and will be moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mike represented individuals from Group 4 and Mark represented Group 1. The individual with the second highest vote count should be the one offered the position. If the individual is not interested in serving on the Board then the COPE president will nominate someone from representing group (Group IV) to the board members. Graham sent an email to members of Group 4 as the person with second highest vote is no longer interested in serving on the Board. Mike will be contacted to get the name of the individual from Group 1 with the second highest vote count to see if they are interested in fulfilling Mark's term on the Board.

Agenda Item #3

The benefit letter requested by Dr. John Masserini was discussed. He spoke to the Board at our July 12, 2006 monthly meeting seeking the support of COPE in an endeavor to have ISU offer "hard benefits" for domestic partners. The results of the vote were 52% of those who voted were in

support, however less than 50% of COPE members voted. There are approximately 465 COPE members and approximately 200 voted. After some discussion, a motion was made by JoAnn and second by Shawn to send a letter to Dr. Vailas, cc to Dr. Masserini, outlining the vote and not have the Board take a stand since the vote was so close. The motion was carried and Connie will draft a letter for the Board's approval.

Agenda Item #2

JoAnn thanked Graham for his work on the by-laws. Each member had their copy of the proposed changes and the discussion began with each change, being discussed at length. See copy attached for details.

Article I

Association should be organization and the additional letter "C" with the definition of Staff Council and clarify others.

Article II

The addition of "F"

Article III

Section 1B – eliminate "C"

Section 4 – eliminate Council and add Board

JoAnn will evaluate the current group information and delete or add members and necessary

Article IV

Section 1- changed wording in regard to regular or special meeting and proposed amendments. Council members may take their changes to their Board representative and the Board member brings it to the Board for discussion. Much discussion followed with changes to the wording.

Changes must be voted on using any responsible means of communication with no less than 7 calendar days allowed for the voting time period allowed. If a material change to the by-laws is being requested the amendment may pass with a major of the Board vote.

Article V

Change of names:

President to chair

Vice president to vice chair

Article VI

Three year terms, much discussion followed

Graham will do an executive summary to use as a cover sheet for all changes that being proposed to the by-laws. He will forward revised copies to all Board members no later than October 20 and our changes need to be back to him no later than October 24th. Copies will be posted and distributed, as provided by the current by-laws all members will have 14 calendar days to vote for or against the proposed changes.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be November 8, 2006 from 12 noon to 2pm. JoAnn will reserve the room.

Other Items

Ray Hart, Staff Council vice president asked COPE to send a representative to Idaho Falls to discuss the impending changes to COPE and CEC due to the creation of Staff Council. Graham will travel to Idaho Falls; however, if he is unable to then JoAnn as our representative. A motion was made by Angela and second by Bonnie, to allow for funding for the trip.

Clarification

The quarterly meeting of the Staff Council will be the second Tuesday of July, October, January and April. It appears the October meeting was not scheduled; Graham will contact Mike or Ray to get clarification as to when and where the meeting will take place.

Meeting adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by JoAnn and second by Angela. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm, by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Connie B. Guthrie
Secretary/Treasurer
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