

**FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES**

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**December 1, 2003**

**Faculty Senate Conference Room**

**Red Hill Building**

**4:00 pm**

**I. PRELIMINARIES**

A. Attendance: Birdsong, Bowen, Branch, Diedrich, Fisher, Frank, Gantt, Hill, Jull, Kantabutra, Martin, McGinnis, McLaughlin, Newsome, Nilson (Chair), Norton, Ottaway, Rodnick, Semenza, and Vik.

*ex officio*: Castle, Lawson, and Malepeai (Curriculum Council)

Guests: David Robinson, Autumn Wilburn, Scott Benson, and Ross Ruchti

Absent: Allen, Anderson, Christensen (excused), DeJesus, Hellwig (excused), McCurry, Mercaldo (excused), and Westphal (excused).

B. Minutes of November 17, 2003

**ACTION:** Moved by Semenza and seconded by Frank to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2003 with corrections. **Passed unanimously.**

C. Open Forum – Dr. Scott Benson and Ross Ruchti – Athletic Advisory Board Report –

Benson and Ruchti reported to the Senate regarding student athlete graduation rates compiled by the NCAA. Student athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body. This report does not include transfer students, stop-out students, one or two-year program students, and includes only those athletes who are recruited and are receiving athletic student aid.

Benson commented on the Faculty Athletics Representative Association recommendations:

- That faculty athletics representatives be appointed through a process that should include consultation with the appropriate shared governance bodies.
- That there be no predetermined limit to the length of time that such faculty athletics representatives may serve.
- That faculty athletics representatives should be both tenured and active members of the teaching faculty.
- That, when overturn in the position occurs, member institutions strongly consider the appointment of women and minorities to the position of faculty athletics representative.

Benson stated that ISU is abiding by all four of these propositions.

Benson left a copy of the American Association of University Professors report on *The Faculty Role in the Reform of Intercollegiate Athletics: Principles and Recommended Practices* in the Faculty Senate office. Any comments or concerns can be directed to Scott Benson.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

A. Chair's Report

1. This is the last meeting for the semester; the next scheduled meeting will be on January 26, 2004.
2. Dr. Bowen will be meeting with the executive committee on Monday regarding the General Faculty Meeting format.
3. The General Faculty Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2003, in the SUB Theater at 4:00.
4. ISU administration will be recommending a 7.3% increase in student fees. This amount was suggested by ASISU. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday at 12:00 on campus and Wednesday evening in Idaho Falls to take testimony on the proposal. The information will then be forwarded to the SBOE.
5. The SBOE will be on campus December 4 and 5. Senators are encouraged to attend.
6. The Idaho Falls Higher Education Advisory Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2003 at 10:00. Nilson will attend and address the committee.
7. A senator did some research on past issues dealt with by Senate. Those who take a full-year sabbatical do not lose their health insurance; they continue to pay their share of the premium. Persi retirement is not based on the last four years' salary; it is based on the highest 42 months' salary.
8. James Frost, Chair of Curriculum Council, sent a memo to Dr. Lawson who in turn wanted Senate to review the issue. The Curriculum Council voted unanimously to amend their bylaws to include full-time funded release time equivalent to a three-credit teaching assignment per semester for the position of Curriculum Council Chair. This issue will come to the Faculty Senate in the Curriculum Council Minutes.  
Gantt suggested additional release time to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate.  
**ACTION:** Moved by Bowen and seconded by Gantt to recommend that the Faculty Senate Chair receive not less than 80% release time for the year of appointment and the Faculty Senate Vice-Chair receive not less than 30% release time for the year of appointment. **Passed unanimously.**  
Discussion: Lawson stated that providing staff for assistance could be an alternative method. Summer office staff on an as-needed basis is another alternative. This recommendation may be favorable if resources are available.  
**ACTION:** Moved by Gantt and seconded by Fisher to pass a resolution that Faculty Senate express support on the proposal that the Curriculum Council Chair receive a three-credit hour per semester release time for serving.  
**Passed unanimously.**

B. Ad hoc for Administrative Evaluations –

The committee has received responses from seven administrators, many included suggestions. They will meet again on Friday.

C. Joint Task Force for Public Communication –

Jull reported that they are focusing on the upcoming SBOE meeting and the General Faculty Meeting. She urged the senators to consider these meetings as opportunities and that the presence of the faculty can be significant. Senators suggested that the questions for Dr. Bowen for the General Faculty Meeting come from the concerns and comments from the Town Hall Meeting.

### III. MINUTES AND APPOINTMENTS

#### A. Minutes of Councils –

1. College of Technology Faculty Council Minutes of October 16, 2003  
**No action items, no action needed.**
2. Academic Standards Council Minutes of September 3, 2003  
**ACTION:** Moved by Frank and seconded by Vik to approve the action item in the Academic Standards Council Minutes of September 3, 2003. **Passed unanimously.**
3. Curriculum Council Minutes of November 13, 2003  
**ACTION:** Moved by Martin and seconded by Norton to approve the action items in the Curriculum Council Minutes of November 13, 2003. **Passed unanimously.**

#### B. Faculty Appointments to Councils –

1. Records Management Advisory Committee – Two faculty members – no nominations.
2. Academic Standards Council – College of Arts & Sciences – replacement for Guajardo (- 2005) – no nominations.
3. Human Rights Committee – Two or three faculty members for spring and fall 2004 – no nominations.
4. Athletics Advisory Board – one one-year term and one four- year term – no nominations.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Subcommittee to review the Council for Teaching & Learning -  
Bobbie Branch is the Chair of this committee.
- B. Senate goals for 2003-2004: Information and insights from Town Hall Meeting -  
Senators requested copies of Bowen and McGinnis' summaries.
- C. Time requirements for filing internal discrimination charges and Affirmative Action updates for F/S Handbook –  
**ACTION:** Moved by Bowen and seconded by Frank to approve the wording changes in the time requirements for filing internal discrimination charges.  
**Passed unanimously.**  
**ACTION:** Moved by Bowen and seconded by Norton to approve the Affirmative Action updates for the F/S Handbook. **Passed unanimously.**
- D. A prospective look at the Research Coordinating Council – no discussion
- E. A prospective look at the Health Professions Advisory Committee – no discussion
- F. Joint Deans' Council/Faculty Senate Task Force for faculty compensation –

Norton and Newsome reported they have been meeting and finding it to be a difficult task to locate funds.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Task Force on sabbatical policies and practices – no discussion

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 5:25 pm

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Douglas Nilson, Chair

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Connie Patchin, Administrative  
Assistant I

Approved: January 26, 2004

Documents:

Faculty Senate Minutes of November 17, 2003  
NCAA Official 2003 Division I Graduation Rates Report  
College of Technology Faculty Council Minutes of October 16, 2003  
Academic Standards Council Minutes of September 3, 2003  
Curriculum Council Minutes of November 13, 2003  
Time requirements for filing internal discrimination charges  
Retaliation statements/Education Title IX Amendment