

**FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES**

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Faculty Senate Conference Room

Red Hill Building

4:00 pm

I. PRELIMINARIES

- A. Attendance: Allen, Anderson, Bowen, Christensen, Fisher, Frank, Hill, Jull Kantabutra, Kilpatrick, Klein, Martin, McGinnis, McLaughlin, Mercaldo, Jack Newsome, Julie Newsome, Nilson (Chair), Rodnick, and Vik
ex officio: Castle, Naftzger and Malepaei (Curriculum Council)
Guests: David Robinson, Autumn Wilburn, and Terry Fredrickson
Absent: Branch (excused), DeJesus, Diedrich, McCurry (excused), Norton (excused), Ottaway (excused), Semenza (excused) and Westphal
- B. Minutes of March 8, 2004
ACTION: Moved by Bowen and seconded by Hill to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2004. **Passed unanimously.**
- C. Open Forum –
1. Terry Fredrickson, ASISU President-Elect -
Fredrickson introduced himself; he has a degree in political science and is now working on a paralegal degree in the College of Technology.
SBOE – students testified to the SBOE against the 10.3% increase. Vik invited the student body to become involved in contacting and communicating with the legislators along with the faculty.
Math 108 – students would like to have Math 108 examined for a change by offering more classes taught by instructors and not only online. They are looking for suggestions. Many students are computer illiterate and cannot pass the class.
ASISU has 48 positions to be filled. Please have any students that are interested contact the ASISU office. Nilson reminded Fredrickson that the student government attendance as council representatives have been very poor. How can the students be motivated to become a part of the student voice?
Fredrickson can be contacted at: asisupres04@hotmail.com

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

1. Please have nominations for 2004-2005 Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and three senators for the Executive Committee to the secretary by April 15. Nominations will be held at the April 19, 2004 meeting.
2. The Executive Committee will meet after this meeting to discuss an Honorary Doctorate degree.

3. The April 5, 2004 meeting will be held for an executive session only for the Honorary degrees.
4. A reminder that the “Town Hall” meeting will be on March 29 at 4:00; it will be beamed to Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Boise.
5. Higher Education salary increase – The JFAC recommendation passed for the 2% increase, however, there is no state money to fund this mandate. The Senate voted 18 – 16 in support of the JFAC recommendation. Five Senate moderates, not on JFAC, voted with ISU and of the 13 House Representatives, not on JFAC, 10 voted with ISU.

Thank you to David Mercaldo and Paula Jull for coordinating the campus-wide response to the legislators.

6. SBOE Meeting on March 11 and 12 – Vik attended the meeting in Boise. The 10.3% request for student fee increase was not passed by the SBOE. A 7.3% student increase was approved in January. Eddie Hanks, ASISU President, addressed the SBOE on Thursday and stated that the 7.3% increase included allocation for faculty increases. This confused the SBOE because this information was not accurate. Ken Prolo and Dr. Bowen testified to the SBOE for the 10.3% increase however Hanks’ presentation had confused them. The students misunderstood the fee increase; they supported the 7.3% but not the 10.3% for the same reasons.

It was explained that this year was unusual because of the misunderstanding from the student senate. There has been unified effort in the past years and will most likely be in the future for cooperation between faculty and students. Vik explained that the SBOE has stopped inviting faculty to speak at the meetings. ISU needs a representative in the SBOE.

7. Nilson met with the President and Vice-Presidents and was told that there will be a 2% increase for faculty and staff at ISU.

- B. Ad hoc for Administrative Evaluations – The committee is waiting for input from the Executive Committee.
- C. Joint Task Force for Public Communication – Mercaldo stated that he would like to draft some ideas for next year.
- D. Subcommittee to review the Council for Teaching & Learning - no reports
- E. Deans’ Council/Faculty Senate Task Force for faculty compensation – no reports
- F. Perks Committee –

ACTION: Moved by Hill and seconded by Kantabutra to recommend to Dr.

Bowen: Personal leave days may be substituted for previously earned sick leave days at the request of the individual faculty member.

Discussion: The senate discussed “in addition to” instead of substituted or to categorize leave to include sick and personal leave. Bowen stated that the Perks committee is discussing this issue.

ACTION: Moved by Anderson and seconded by McLaughlin to table this motion.

Passed unanimously.

Bowen reported that the Perks Committee is looking at existing perks at ISU and other universities. They are compiling a list of perks to help with faculty morale and retention as well as a list of questions for faculty input.

III. MINUTES AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Minutes of Councils –

1. Athletic Advisory Board Minutes of February 12, 2004 (**FYI only**)
2. Curriculum Council Minutes of March 4, 2004 –
ACTION: Moved by Kilpatrick and seconded by Jack Newsome to approve the action items in the Curriculum Council Minutes of March 4, 2004. **Passed unanimously.**

B. Faculty Appointments to Councils –

1. Academic Standards Council – College of Arts & Sciences – replacement for Guajardo (- 2005) – **no nominations.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Regression issue brought up in the Academic Standards Council Minutes of February 25, 2004 – There was some discussion, but senators felt no need to continue this discussion on the agenda.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Senate Goals for 2004-2005 – Nilson is compiling a list of goals for senate.

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 5:35 pm

Douglas Nilson, Chair

Connie Patchin, Administrative
Assistant I

Approved: April 19, 2004

Documents:

Faculty Senate Minutes of March 8, 2004

Athletic Advisory Board Minutes of February 12, 2004

Curriculum Council Minutes of March 4, 2004