

**FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES**

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**October 18, 2004**

**Faculty Senate Conference Room**

**Red Hill Building**

**4:00 pm**

**I. PRELIMINARIES**

- A. Attendance: Allen, Christensen, DeJesus, Delehanty, Devaud, Frantz, Gribas, Hill, Klein, Lohse, Masserini, McCurry, Newsome, Norton, Ottaway, Rodnick, Semenza, and Vik (Chair)  
*ex officio*: Francis (Curriculum Council Representative), Lawson, and Nilson  
Work Study Student: Mary Galindo  
Absent: Bowen (excused), Branch (excused), Devine (excused), Fisher (excused), Frank (excused), Kantabutra (excused), McLaughlin (excused), Pumphrey, Reynolds, and Westphal  
Guests: Tracy Sierra, ASISU senator; and Laird Stone, SBOE
- B. Minutes of October 4, 2004  
**ACTION**: Moved by Frantz and seconded by Newsome to approve the Minutes of October 4, 2004 with a correction. **Passed unanimously.**

**II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Minutes of Councils
1. Academic Standards Council Minutes of September 15, 2004
  2. Campus Planning Minutes of May 6, 2004
- B. Faculty Appointments to Councils
1. Faculty Professional Policies Council
    - a. College of Technology – replacement for Blake Beck (-2007) – no nominations
  2. Parking Advisory Board – replacement for Nandita Das (-2007) – no nominations.
- C. ad hoc for Administration Evaluations – nomination for faculty member, Leonard Hitchcock  
**ACTION**: Moved by Nilson and seconded by Newsome to approve the items in the Consent Calendar with the exception of removing Academic Standards Council Minutes of September 15, 2004 and the challenge language. **Passed unanimously.**  
**ACTION**: Moved by Devaud and seconded by Norton to remand the challenge language back to Academic Standards for clarification of the time period allowed to challenge. **Passed unanimously.**
- ACTION**: Moved by Nilson and seconded by Hill to suspend the agenda to have a discussion with Laird Stone, SBOE member. **Passed unanimously.**

Dr. Lawson introduced SBOE member, Laird Stone from Twin Falls, who works closely with the Academic Affairs programs in the state. He is also a lawyer and a trustee of ISU.

Stone explained that a main reason for his visit is to attempt to address the gap between what is presented to the Board and what is actually happening at the universities.

A discussion ensued. Stone stated that because "No Child Left Behind" is front page news, it is not well documented in the media that the SBOE does spend time on university and college issues in Idaho. The Board spends most of one day each month on higher education.

Stone invited faculty and Idaho higher education Faculty Senate chairs to speak at Board meetings during the open forum to possibly fill the communication gap.

A senator expressed concern with the high cost of replacing faculty due to retirement and inability to retain faculty. Stone stated that the Board does discuss this as it is a hardship on the economy of the state. He expressed a need to make the argument to the legislators that higher education needs more funding.

Stone stated that he is impressed with ISU for continuing with limited funds and showing to have a firm foothold and stable foundation.

Stone believes that university partnering will occur in the future to better achieve educational goals.

Stone addressed the lack of support from the state for higher education. The SBOE is looking at ways to bridge the gap from high school to higher education for Idaho students.

### III. Announcements & Reports

#### A. Chair

1. The Town Hall meeting will be held next Monday, October 25, 2004 from 4:00 – 6:00 in Leonard Hall, room 162. The corresponding rooms to be televised will be Twin Falls, room 91; Boise, room 96; a room is not available in Idaho Falls.
2. The Foundation Board/faculty meeting will be held on October 22, 2004 in the Bistline Family Thrust Theatre. Senators will meet at 1:00; general faculty will meet at 2:00.
3. Past-Chair, Lyle Castle's wife is doing well and has finished chemotherapy treatments.
4. There has been a request from the interim associate dean of Arts & Sciences to review the bylaws and possibly broaden who is allowed to serve on councils. As it states now, only tenure-track are allowed, this leaves out clinical faculty. Rodnick and Delehanty were asked to prepare a proposal for the senate.
5. Accreditation visit-  
Vik, Christensen and Semenza briefly reviewed the accreditation meeting. There seems to be problems in the establishment of accountability and outcomes at ISU. Communication needs to improve between administration and faculty/staff. There will be a draft recommendation sent to ISU and the final draft will be finished in January by the accreditation team.

#### IV. Old Business

##### A. Senate Goals for 2004-2005

- Establish a rank of “Distinguished Professor” above the rank of full professor. *Send to Faculty Professional Policies Council.*
- Revise ISU workload policy to insure greater flexibility for time-specific, semi-specialization in scholarship/research/creative activities, teaching or service. *Send to Faculty Professional Policies Council.*
- Review restoration of tenure to all (or some) College of Technology faculty members. *Send to College of Technology Faculty Council.*
  
- Develop and disseminate a well researched, thoughtfully argued “White Paper” on the consequences of low salaries in Idaho higher education. *Establish an ad hoc committee or appoint an independent person to apply for the President’s internship.*
- Revisit existing guidelines to prioritize cutbacks in the event of financial exigency (or just financial ‘hard times’) and obtain the faculty’s input on revision as needed. *Establish an ad hoc committee or task force.*
- Explore options to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of summer session for students and for the faculty. *Establish an ad hoc committee.*
  
- Develop ideas on how we can provide more perks and rewards for emeritus professors. *Join Deans’ Council task force.*
  
- Continue to work toward advancing the perks requested for the faculty in 2003-2004 Faculty Perquisites document submitted to the President by the Faculty Senate. *A meeting with Dr. Bowen is set up for October 26, 2004.*

**ACTION:** Moved by Nilson and seconded by Norton to approve the recommended plan of action as stated above. **Passed unanimously.**

**Karl DeJesus and Ken Rodnick volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee to revisit guidelines in cutbacks.**

#### V. New Business

##### A. Emeritus Status for Mr. Dennis E. Vittetoe

**ACTION:** Moved by Norton and seconded by to Klein to recommend emeritus status for Mr. Dennis E. Vittetoe. **Passed unanimously.**

- ##### B. Faculty Senate Bylaws revision – will be put on old business for the November 1, 2004 meeting.

#### VI. Adjournment – 5:40

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Peter Vik, Chair

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Connie Patchin, Administrative  
Assistant I

Approved: November 1, 2004

Documents:

Faculty Senate Minutes of October 4, 2004

Academic Standards Council Minutes of September 15, 2004

Senate Goal Possibilities for 2004-2005

Emeritus Status documents for Mr. Dennis E. Vittetoe