

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
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**April 4, 2005
Faculty Senate Conference Room
Red Hill Building
4:00 pm**

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Attendance: Allen, Branch, Christensen, Crews (via teleconference), DeJesus, Delehanty, Devaud, Devine, Fisher, Frank, Frantz, Hill, Kantabutra, Lohse, Masserini, McCurry, McLaughlin, Newsome, Norton, Ottaway, Pumphrey, Reynolds, Rodnick, Semenza, and Vik

ex officio: Francis, Naftzger, Nilson, Sierra, and Wharton

Work Study Student and Graduate Assistant: Mary Galindo and Autumn Wilburn

Absent: Jull (excused), Klein (excused), and Westphal

B. Minutes of March 21, 2005

ACTION: Moved by DeJesus and seconded by Norton to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2005 with clarifications. **Passed unanimously.**

C. Open Forum –

1. Dr. David Adler – January term

Adler addressed the Senate regarding a possible adoption of an intersession term. Many universities have this option and he feels that both faculty and students could benefit from implementing this at ISU. Benefits are flexibility in academic opportunities, to accelerate academic work, lab intensive courses, study abroad, field trips, special topic courses, and other opportunities.

ACTION: Moved by Devaud and seconded by Masserini to create a task force made up of Faculty Senate members, faculty at large, students, and student affairs representatives to investigate the possibilities of a January or intersession term.

Passed unanimously.

2. Welcome to Dr. Robert Wharton

Dr. Wharton has been named the interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. He will be attending the meetings as an ex-officio, non-voting member. Dr. Wharton has been the Chief Research Officer for the past year. He stated that he is in the mode to get things done. Larry Ford has been appointed as interim Chief Research Officer.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

A. Chair –

1. Vik asked senators if they would like to enter into executive session to openly discuss the future of ISU in light of the SBOE's effort to push Dr. Bowen toward retirement. An open discussion ensued.

Vik explained the series of events: Dr. Bowen announced that he and the SBOE are in discussion about his retirement; an article appeared in the Idaho State Journal that gave the impression that Dr. Bowen was asked to leave, he did not choose the timing; another article focused on Rod Lewis, President of the SBOE, stating that he and Dr. Bowen had a closed conversation without the knowledge of the other board members; the six legislators in Bannock county did not know of this and were taken by surprise of the news, they conveyed their thoughts on the timing not being appropriate without

an Academic Vice President in place; the search for the new position of Vice President for Health Sciences has been stopped as well as the search for the Academic Vice President; and finally, the legislators met with the governor on Monday, March 28, the governor stated that he is puzzled about ISU's concern in losing the statewide mission of health sciences.

Vik acknowledged that he will be writing an opinion piece regarding the poor timing of this issue and the negative impact it will have on ISU.

Four points emerged from the conversation:

- The faculty senate strongly supports Dr. Bowen.
- The faculty senate strongly supports ISU's statewide mission for health sciences.
- The faculty senate encourages the administration to pursue and expedite filling the new position of Vice President for Health Sciences.
- The faculty senate requests that faculty become accurately informed in a timely manner by an identified spokesperson for ISU on these issues.

Vik and Devaud will compose a statement of this nature to forward to those concerned.

2. The open forum meeting is set for next Monday, April 11, 2005 at 4:00 in the Vocational Arts Building, room 117. There will be a request for a University spokesperson to attend this meeting to answer any faculty questions.
3. The general faculty meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 4:00 in the Bistline theatre in the Performing Arts Center.
4. Reapportionment –
Vik will send out the faculty numbers to senators as well as the department break-ups for Arts & Sciences faculty. The issue will be resolved over email so the colleges can begin voting for new senators.
5. Dr. Bowen is trying to budget for a 2% raise for faculty this year.

Vik requested to suspend the rest of the agenda for the meeting on April 18, 2005.

III. ADJOURNMENT: 5:55

Peter Vik, Chair

Connie Patchin,
Administrative Assistant I

Approved: April 18, 2005

Documents:
Faculty Senate Minutes of March 21, 2005