

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
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**May 2, 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, Jull, Kantabutra, Klein, Lohse, Masserini, McCurry, McLaughlin, Norton, Ottaway, Pumphrey, Reynolds, Rodnick, Semenza, and Vik
ex officio: Francis, Naftzger, Nilson, and Wharton
Work Study Student and Graduate Assistant: Mary Galindo and Autumn Wilburn
Guests: Paul Bubb, Ken Trimmer, Jeri Spinner, and Dante Cantrill
Absent: Newsome (excused), and Westphal
- B. Faculty Senate Minutes of
1. April 18, 2005
ACTION: Moved by Devaud and seconded by Norton to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2005 with clarifications. **Passed unanimously.**

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of Councils
1. Curriculum Council Minutes of
 - a. March 24, 2005
 - b. April 14-27, 2005
 2. Athletics Advisory Board Minutes of March 10, 2005 (FYI only)
- B. Faculty Appointments to Councils
1. Academic Standards Council
 - a. College of Arts & Sciences
 - b. College of Technology
 2. Campus Planning Council
 - a. College of Business
 - b. College of Education
 - c. College of Engineering
 - d. College of Health Professions – **nomination for Kevin Helgeson**
 3. Council for Teaching & Learning
 - a. College of Arts & Sciences – two positions – **nomination for Rosemary Smith**
 4. Cultural Affairs Council
 - a. College of Arts & Sciences
 5. Faculty Professional Policies Council
 - a. College of Business
 6. Research Coordinating Council
 - a. College of Arts & Sciences – natural science
 - b. College of Business
 - c. College of Education
 - d. College of Health Professions

7. Athletics Advisory Board – two positions – one one-year, one four-year.
 8. Faculty representative for Faculty-Staff Handbook Committee – **nomination for Ken Rodnick**
- C. Emeritus Status for Dr. Ronald Balsley
ACTION: Moved by Pumphrey and seconded by Norton to approve the Consent Calendar, including the appointments of the nominations and emeritus status for Dr. Ronald Balsley. **Passed unanimously.**

III. Open Forum –

1. Paul Bubb – Athletic Director
 Mr. Bubb addressed the senate to introduce himself and discuss the direction of the athletic department. He stated that some ticket prices have been reduced in an attempt to encourage more family and community involvement. Bubb has three main goals for the athletic department: 1) to recruit, retain, and graduate successful student athletes, 2) to become consistently competitive and remain in the top three in the conference, and 3) to improve and expand athletic facilities – training facilities are not large enough for the athletes.
 A senator stated that ISU football consistently loses money, so what can it do for ISU? Bubb replied that not many college football teams generate money – football promotes collegiality.
 Bubb stated that the discipline of the student athletes would begin with him, as director, not from the coach. The discipline will come from the top down.
2. Ken Trimmer – Faculty representative for Web Services Council
 Dr. Trimmer has recently been named as the faculty representative to the Web Services Council. He asked the senate for input. Senators raised questions about protocols for changing web sites; the need to provide assistance to departments to develop their web sites; and a comment stating that websites are important recruiting tools.
3. Foundation Board/Faculty representative – Jeri Spinner
 Ms. Spinner is the faculty representative to the Foundation Board and presented a report to the senators. The main idea is for faculty to build relationships with alumni, community and corporations.
ACTION: Moved by DeJesus and seconded by Semenza to establish the ad hoc committee for Foundation Board/Faculty Senate as a permanent committee. **Passed unanimously.**
4. Dante Cantrill – Ombudsman
 Dr. Cantrill gave his report to the senate. He stated that the work has been rewarding and interesting. He also noted that the workload became heavier in the spring.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

- A. Chair –
1. Dr. Vik is working on the written Chair’s report.
 - a. Vik thanked the Executive Committee for all of their work this year.
 - b. Vik thanked Nancy Frank for completing the administration evaluations.
 - c. This year, senate started a Past Faculty Senate Chair committee. Vik learned new and important information and realized institutional memory was invaluable.
 - d. Congratulations to Judith Crews who is now the new senator for Boise faculty.
 - e. Thank you and congratulations to John Masserini who headed the soft benefits for domestic partners. The presentation was professionally done.
 - f. A new possible faculty club is being investigated. Vik stated that the faculty is in need of recognition. It is possible that The Foundation Board may purchase

and gift it to faculty. A Faculty Club organization may need to be in place before a clubhouse is purchased.

g. Doug Nilson has created a draft for parking flexibility, which will be taken to the President's staff meeting.

h. Tuition waivers for dependants – U of I and BSU are not interested in this, however, ISU has asked the President of the SBOE how to get this accomplished.

i. Vik has been unable to meet with the governor. His three requests for a meeting were turned down. He will write a letter with specific needs and questions and ask for support to propose to the SBOE.

j. Professional Spouse – Deans' Council agreed that this is a good goal for Faculty Senate for next year.

k. Vik explained that faculty are not invited to SBOE meetings when money is discussed, however, students and administration are. He suggested that faculty shouldn't wait to be invited – there should be faculty at every meeting with a presentation during the open forum.

l. Nilson stated that Vik's letter to the Idaho State Journal was excellent. Vik encouraged all senators to respond with letters to the editor in explaining how much faculty do for ISU and the community.

m. Vik ended by stating it was a difficult year with the accreditation, the resignation of the AVP, and the new position of the VP for Health Sciences and the upcoming retirement of Dr. Bowen. He appreciates all the senators and thanked them for the year.

2. Congratulations to Bob Fisher who is now the new Chair of Mathematics.

3. The SBOE's 8-year plan has been recently given to all senators and there is a full copy in the Faculty Senate office. It is also online on the Current Issues Page.

4. The Council for Teaching & Learning has set up a web site for a survey regarding instructional facilities: http://134.50.148.203/isu_cls/ for the Faculty Survey, and <http://www.isu.edu/ctl/> for the Ideal Classroom report. X3597 for details.

B. Ad hoc Committee for Administrative Evaluations – 543 evaluations were sent, so far there have been 202 responses; that is a 37% return.

C. Budget Oversight and Priorities Committee –

Rodnick, Masserini and DeJesus are close to finalizing their report. They will have recommendations for how the administration will address times of shortfalls and hardships. They are looking at the possibility of forming a standing committee with membership across campus.

D. Faculty Senate Task Force for January Terms – Two student names have been forwarded, the task force still needs faculty involvement.

E. It was asked which goals the senate worked on and finished: 1) The workload policy has been forwarded to the accreditation work group (The policy was passed by Faculty Senators via email), 2) The Distinguished Professor policy was passed onto Faculty Professional Policies Council and is being worked on, 3) Reestablish tenure to COT faculty – was passed on to the College of Technology Faculty Council, 4) Perks for emeritus professors was dropped by the Deans', and the 5) Perks document has been discussed, however, Dr. Bowen wants to know where the funds are coming from. It was suggested to invite Dr. Bowen to a meeting next year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Faculty Club – please see above - IV. A. 1. f.

B. Reinstating Faculty Senate Budget Council – please see above – IV. C.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – no new business

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:00

Peter Vik, Chair

Connie Patchin,
Administrative Assistant I

Approved: August 31, 2005

Documents:

Faculty Senate Minutes of April 18, 2005

Curriculum Council Minutes of March 24, 2005

Curriculum Council Minutes of April 14-27, 2005

Athletics Advisory Board Minutes of March 10, 2005

Emeritus Status letter for Dr. Ronald Balsley

Report from Faculty Representative to the Foundation Board – Jeri Spinner

Ombudsman report 2004-2005