

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES**

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**September 19, 2005
Faculty Senate Conference Room
Red Hill Building
4:00 pm**

I. PRELIMINARIES

- A. Attendance: Allen, Beard, Bowen, Christensen (Chair), Cleary, Crews (via teleconference), Delehanty, Devaud, Devine, Hill, Kantabutra, Klein, Masserini, Glenn Thackray for McCurry, McLaughlin, Newsome, Norton, Ottaway, Rankin, Reynolds, Rodnick, Semenza, Sieber and Vik
Excused: DeJesus, Frank, and Oliphant (all excused)
ex officio: Francis, Ashley Hargraves for Hobson, Krehbiel, and Wharton
Administrative Assistant and Graduate Research Assistant: Connie Patchin and David Robinson
Guests: Habib Sadid, Richard Wabrek, Ryan Sargent, Eryn Lowe, Karen Kearns, Josh Thompson, Trevor Jensen, Alan Hunt, and Dan Boyd
- B. Faculty Senate Minutes of
1. August 31, 2005
ACTION: Moved by Norton and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the minutes of August 31, 2005. **Passed unanimously.**

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

- A. Chair
Christensen reported that the Faculty Senate Task Force has begun its inquiries into transparency in planning and budgeting process, specifically within the accreditation report and inquiring about the administrative pay raises. Peter Vik will be chairing the task force.
- B. Report on Faculty Senate Task Force on transparency in budgeting and planning
Vik reported that the task force is in a preliminary stage. He wants to acquire information to determine what actions to take. He realizes some information will take longer to acquire, therefore, he would like to make this task force an ongoing committee.
Sharon Sieber and Dave Delehanty volunteered to help with the task force.

ACTION: Moved by Sieber and seconded by Cleary to give an opportunity for guest comments with a three minute time limit per person. **Passed unanimously.**

Ashley Hargraves introduced herself as the ASISU representative to Faculty Senate this year.

Habib Sadid, College of Engineering, stated that three years ago he questioned the President's and Vice President's integrities. He stated this issue is not about money, it is about the integrity of the administration and their lack of respect of faculty. Sadid stated he is ashamed to have the current administration at ISU due to mistreatment of faculty, from blocking proposals, and disregarding faculty in university issues. He feels that the administration is corrupted.

ACTION: Moved and seconded to move into executive session including the voting proxy, Glenn Thackray. **Motion passed, 23 for, 1 abstention.** 4:20 p.m.

5:10 - **ACTION:** Moved seconded to call for a vote of no confidence, first by the Faculty Senate, and then by the faculty at large on President Richard Bowen, Ken Prolo and Leo Herrman. **Motion failed unanimously.**

ACTION: Moved and seconded for three separate votes, to provide rationale, of no confidence. **Passed unanimously.**

ACTION: Moved and seconded to call the question. **Motion passed, 20 yes, 2 no.**

ACTION: Moved and seconded to vote on each point of clarification as separate motions. **Motion failed, 1 yes, 21 no.**

ACTION: The ISU Faculty Senate regrets President Richard Bowen's failure to rectify the crisis of confidence created by the recent administrative pay raises, ongoing lack of budget transparency, continued disregard of the integral role of faculty in university governance, and placing ISU's regional accreditation at significant risk. The Faculty Senate is compelled to vote for no confidence and call for a general faculty vote of no confidence. **Motion passed, 15 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions.**

ACTION: Moved and seconded to reconsider the motion with new language. **Motion passed, 20 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.**

ACTION: Moved and seconded to adopt the new language the Faculty Senators revised. **Motion passed, 17 yes, 2 no, 3 abstentions.**

ACTION: The ISU Faculty Senate regrets President Richard Bowen's failure to rectify the crisis of confidence created by the recent administrative pay raises, ongoing lack of budget transparency, continued disregard of the integral role of faculty in university governance, and placing ISU's regional accreditation at significant risk. In light of the university faculty's commitment to the welfare of the institution and its students, the Faculty Senate hereby declares its lack of confidence in President Richard Bowen. Furthermore, the Faculty Senate is compelled to initiate a general faculty vote of confidence or no confidence in President Richard Bowen. **Motion passed, 17 yes, 2 no, 3 abstentions.**

ACTION: Whereas, Mr. Ken Prolo, Financial Vice President of ISU, has overseen a budget characterized by a lack of clarity and fiscal transparency that is putting ISU's accreditation in serious jeopardy, and whereas this lack of clarity and transparency has been noted by NWCCU, the Idaho State Board of Education, the Faculty Senate Budget Oversight Committee, other ISU administrators, and ISU students, the Faculty Senate declares its lack of confidence in Vice President Ken Prolo. **Passed unanimously.**

ACTION: Moved and seconded to call the question. **Motion passed, 21 yes, 1 no.**

ACTION: Whereas, Mr. Leo Herrman, ISU's Budget Officer, has overseen a budget characterized by a lack of clarity and fiscal transparency that is putting ISU's accreditation in serious jeopardy, and whereas this lack of clarity and transparency has been noted by NWCCU, the Idaho State Board of Education, the Faculty Senate Budget Oversight Committee, other ISU administrators, and ISU students, the Faculty Senate declares its lack of confidence in Mr. Leo Herrman. **Motion passed, 21 yes, 1 no.**

Discussion: Senators discussed the language in the motions of no confidence.

III. ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

Kay Christensen, Chair

Connie Patchin,
Administrative Assistant I

Approved: October 3, 2005

Documents:
Faculty Senate Minutes of August 31, 2005