

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES**

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**March 20, 2006
Faculty Senate Conference Room
Red Hill Building
4:00 pm**

- I. Preliminaries
 - A. Attendance: Allen, Beard, Bowen, Christensen (Chair), Crews, DeJesus, Delehanty, Devaud, Hill, Kangas, Kantabutra, Klein, Masserini, McCurry, McLaughlin, Miller (via teleconference), Ottaway, Rankin, Semenza, Sieber, Vik, and Woodworth-Ney
Ex officio: Krehbiel, Nelson, and Wharton
Guests: Randy Gaines, Kay Flowers, Lynn Kubek, Jeri Spinner
Absent: Curtis, Devine (excused), Newsome (excused), Norton (excused), Oliphant, Reynolds (excused), and Rodnick (excused)
Administrative Assistant: Connie Patchin
 - B. Faculty Senate Minutes of February 27, 2006
ACTION: Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of February 27, 2006.
Passed unanimously.

- II. Open Forum
 - A. Information Systems Update - Randy Gaines, Kay Flowers and Lynn Kubek
Gaines explained that HP and other vendors are extending support of the current system. The Enterprise Application Steering Committee selected a consultant in order to assist with the new Enterprise Resource Planning system. The new system should be ready to bid on by July 1, 2006, and implementation should begin next January.
Lynn Kubek from Eagle Consulting is on campus this week to meet with most groups. She has been contracted to assist in developing the RFP for the system and to engage an open dialogue between all constituents. She will meet with anyone interested.
Kubek explained she will find the total cost of ownership of a new system to be included in the bid.
Flowers reminded the senators that faculty representatives on the Steering Committee are: Anita Herzog, Sarah Knudson, and Corey Schou.
 - B. Foundation Board Report - Jeri Spinner –
Spinner reported on the recent Foundation Board meeting held on March 3. Present with the Board were: President Gallagher; Dr. Art Vailas; Kent Tingey; Park Price, from the investment board; a representative of EideBailly, auditor; and Doyle Batt, from INL.
President Gallagher gave the state of the university address.
Dr. Vailas expressed that raising funds would be part of the Deans' evaluations.
Kent Tingey reported that Ken Prolo, Leo Herrman and Brad Hall will no longer be on the Foundation Board since their positions at ISU are to be held separate from the Board.

Park Price reported that the Foundation guarantees 5% of the Foundation funds to the university for scholarships every year. Their return target for investments is 5.75% plus inflation.

Doyle Batt stated that INL wishes to build a research park near ISU land in Idaho Falls and collaborate more with ISU in the future.

The Board also discussed their role at ISU. Because the Board wants to become more active on behalf of the university, each board member has been assigned to a college to assist with fundraising. They will attend college advisory committee meetings to offer support and provide input on fundraising strategies. She mentioned that the College of Business has a very productive fundraising campaign. The Senate may want to consider what they have done and possibly meet with Carol Mahar, the Director of Giving at the College of Business.

Vik asked about a University Club that was discussed with Kent Tingey and the Chair of the Foundation Board. Spinner replied that the issue has never been brought up at a Foundation Board meeting. She offered to ask to be on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss it, if the Senate would like. It was decided that it might be better at this point to contact Kent Tingey again.

Spinner left copies of the following in the Faculty Senate office, for review by anyone who is interested:

- INL/ISU Campus Plan
- Financial Statements from the Foundation Board
- Common fund investment portfolio from the Foundation Board

III. Announcements & Reports

- A. Chair – A complete narrative of Chair announcements for the period 2/28/06 to 3/20/06 is available on the Faculty Senate web site. The Chair made the following announcements concerning the President’s Staff meeting on 3/20/06: [They are not included in the narrative posted on the web site.]
 1. Community College RFI – A new bill is before the legislature regarding the community college initiative. The deadline for submitting an RFI to the SBOE was extended. ISU will be submitting an RFI.
 2. Revised budget process – The Financial Vice President distributed materials outlining the revised budget process to the Deans, Unit Directors, and Faculty Senate Chair on March 8. Christensen and DeJesus reviewed the materials and submitted comments on March 10. Revised materials were discussed during the President’s Staff meeting today. Christensen will again respond to the process. According to President Gallagher, the process described in the materials represents a first step in clarifying and reforming the budget process. Although steps are being implemented, evaluation of the process will be ongoing. There will be budget hearings on April 11 and 12, during which the Deans and Unit Directors will present the following information: how the previous year’s budget was used; enrollment projections; prioritized needs and how those needs tie in with ISU’s strategic plan; where money is coming from and how money will be raised. The hearings will provide the opportunity to evaluate programs and the budget process. The Deans, Unit Directors, and the President’s Council will participate in the budget hearings; the campus is invited to attend. The budget presentations will be posted on the web site after March 30. A summary of the presentations will be discussed at President’s Council, Deans’ Council, Faculty Senate, and Student Senate. Setting university goals and priorities are included in the new process. This budget reform represents a major accomplishment.

- IV. Consent Calendar
- A. Faculty Appointments to Councils -
1. Faculty Professional Policies Council – College of Business (term through 08)
- B. Minutes of Councils -
1. Curriculum Council
 - a. Minutes of February 23, 2006
 - b. Minutes of March 2, 2006
 2. College of Technology Faculty Council
 - a. Minutes of April 14, 2005
 - b. Minutes of September 21, 2005
 - c. Minutes of October 26, 2005
 - d. Minutes of November 30, 2005
 - e. Minutes of January 18, 2006
 - f. Minutes of February 15, 2006

ACTION: Moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. **Passed unanimously.**
- V. Unfinished Business
- A. Distinguished Professor Draft Policy -
- Devaud received input from others and clarified the draft language. She removed term “rank” to clarify this as an award.
- ACTION:** Moved and seconded to strike the second sentence in the last paragraph. **9 yes, 9 no, 2 abstentions. Motion failed.**
- ACTION:** Moved and seconded to accept policy, striking the last sentence in the second paragraph, and with the understanding that a set of criteria and procedures will accompany the policy. **17 yes, 3 no, Motion passed.**
- B. Faculty Salaries -
- Christensen has written a letter as earlier charged to JFAC requesting their support for higher education funding and faculty salary competitiveness.
- Bowen discussed the accreditation working group (AWG) report that was submitted to NWC UU. She sent an e-mail to the Faculty Senate executive committee raising a number of issues. There is potential overlapping and conflicting roles and responsibilities of new councils with those of existing councils within ISU’s governance structure; e.g., what is the status of the Budget Council and Campus Coordinating Council and how do these councils co-exist with new councils described in the AWG report that ostensibly perform the same functions. Also, what is the status of the faculty “perks” recommendations. Bowen noted that, in spite of the actions set forth in AWG report, there were still many unanswered questions relating to the university budget.
- Christensen agreed that these were all valid concerns. She explained that she has been focused primarily on budget reform, since that was a major component of the no-confidence controversy last fall. She thanked Bowen for her analysis and concurs much broader issues of university governance are implicated, in addition to transparency in the budget process.
- It was noted that, in part, many of the councils and committees addressing accreditation issues are not taking substantive action until after the new president comes to campus in July. Dr. Vailas will likely want to review university governance.
- C. Members for the ad hoc committee for Honorary Degrees -
- Allen volunteered.
- D. Faculty Senate Bylaws -

ACTION: Moved and seconded to table until recommendations are made for the language as well as removing the adjunct faculty issue. **Passed Unanimously.**

E. Foundation Board/Faculty Senate Committee -

This was an ad hoc committee formed last semester to determine how faculty can become more involved with the Foundation Board in identifying and developing revenue sources that might be used to supplement faculty salaries. It was made a permanent committee and needs members.

VI. New Business

A. Begin nominations for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Executive Committee for 2006-2007 -

Please submit names to Connie. Elections will be on April 17.

B. Emeritus Status -

1. Mr. Leonard Hitchcock
2. Dr. Linda Hill
3. Dr. Anthony Stocks
4. Dr. Ron LeBlanc
5. Dr. John Kilpatrick
6. Dr. Stephen Hurley
7. Dr. Janne Goldbeck
8. Dr. Jacqueline McRoberts
9. Dr. Roberta Hyde

ACTION: Moved and seconded to recommend emeritus status to the above individuals. All candidates have outstanding credentials for emeritus status. **Passed unanimously.**

C. University Code of Ethics -

A memo from Brad Hall to Christensen asked the Faculty Senate to consider developing a code of ethics. This code would apply university wide to all staff, students and faculty. Sample codes of ethics were included with the memo. Vik stated that certain professions have a code of ethics with higher standards than the ones to be considered.

Senators want to know why this is necessary, what is the rationale and the reason behind the request. Christensen will discuss this with Dr. Wharton.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:00.

Kay M. Christensen, Chair

Connie Patchin,
Administrative Assistant I

Approved: April 3, 2006

Documents:

Faculty Senate Minutes of February 27, 2006

Chair announcements March 20, 2006

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