

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES**

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**January 8, 2007**

**Faculty Senate Conference Room, 128**

**Red Hill Building**

**4:00 pm**

- I. Preliminaries
  - A. Attendance: Beard, Bowen, Curtis, De Jesus (Chair), Devaud, Devine, Guryan (Teleconference), Hill, Kangas, Kantabutra, Kearns, Keeter, Klein, Magnuson, Maughan, Masserini, McCurry, McLaughlin, Murphy, Norton, Oliphant (Teleconference), Rankin, Ray, Sieber, Thomas, Williams, Womack and Woodworth-Ney  
Absent: Allen, Crews (excused)  
*Ex-officio*: Christensen and Frantz  
*Administrative and Graduate Assistants*: Connie Patchin and David Robinson
  
- II. Announcements & Reports
  - A. Chair -
    1. Introduction of new senators: Ralph Maughan and Jill Smith. Alan Frantz will be representing Curriculum Council, and welcome back to senators Tom Klein and Vitit Kantabutra.
    2. A list of senator responsibilities was emailed out earlier today. This was also handed out last semester. De Jesus clarified that Chair announcements only go to senators and it is their responsibility to pass on to their constituents. The President's Cabinet highlights go to all faculty.
    3. Faculty meetings will continue this semester along with Dr. Vailas attending. The colleges of Education, Pharmacy, and Technology will be this month.
    4. Senators were asked to remind their constituents of the dependent tuition benefit poll.
    5. Budget presentations begin this week. Senators are encouraged to go to their own college's presentations. Members of the Budget Planning Committee will be in attendance and will be asking questions.
    6. De Jesus read a letter from the SBOE to Dr. Vailas. They have recommended a statewide community college mission and expect full support and cooperation of ISU.
    7. Draft Mission statement – De Jesus has asked for faculty input that he can share at President's Cabinet.
  - B. Governance Task Force –  
**ACTION:** Moved by Bowen and seconded by Sieber to approve and adopt the Statement on Faculty Governance within a Shared University Governance Structure as a pre-amble to part II (Organization) Section II (Institutional Governance) subsection C (Representative Bodies) of the Faculty/Staff Handbook and the Faculty Senate website. 24 for, 1 opposed. **Motion passed.**  
Discussion: Masserini stated that faculty share a role in governance and are granted rights by the president within a shared governance structure. The language is meant to direct faculty that they have a role on campus.

- C. Executive Council –
  - ACTION:** Moved by Devaud and seconded by Keeter to continue the Executive Council concept until (a maximum of one semester) Faculty Senate bylaws are updated to include the purpose, role, function and name of the council. 24 for, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions. **Motion passed.**
  - ACTION:** Moved by Kearns and seconded by Bowen to add the amendment of “maximum of one semester”. 24 for, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions. **Motion passed.**
  - ACTION:** Moved by Thomas and seconded by Woodworth-Ney to refer the bylaw revisions to the Governance Task Force. **Passed Unanimously.**
  - Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion regarding confusion of the role of the Executive Council, who its members are and how they are different from the Executive Committee.
  - Some senators feel that “Executive Council” has a connotation of power, authority, and decision-making that is not actually the function of the council.
- D. ISU Day at the Capitol –
  - Masserini presented the three-fold display board that will be used for ISU day. It focuses on ISU governance and the roles of the Faculty Senate councils. ISU Day is January 25, 2007.
- E. Faculty Senate budget –
  - De Jesus shared the Faculty Senate budget with the senators to explain senate expenditures. Chair release time was not taken out of the 2005 budget and was thus \$9,000 under; however, this year’s budget is already over \$11,000 due to the Chair’s release time being taken out. Also, travel will always be overspent by thousands; it is inadequate for necessary travel by the chair. The material and supplies portion includes the graduate assistant tuition and is thus inadequate as well. Faculty Senate will submit two budgets during the next process; one for the minimum for senate to operate, and the second for what the senate needs to grow.

### III. Unfinished Business

- A. Strategic Plan –
  - The Executive Committee discussed a need for a strategic plan for faculty using the SWOT analysis. There is a need to develop a plan for faculty as well as the senate. It should reflect what faculty want – with a list of suggestions collected before the next meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will be a Town Hall Meeting for Faculty Strategic Planning. It will be held on January 22, 2007 at 4:00 in the Library, rooms 6 and 78; Boise, room 138; and Idaho Falls, room CHE 303.
- B. Cultural Affairs Council Minutes of May 5, 2006 – (Consent Calendar – voting due on January 19, 2007)
  - ACTION:** Moved by Beard and seconded by Woodworth-Ney to send the minutes back to the council to review its bylaws to ensure the last chair election is in compliance with its bylaws. **Passed unanimously.**

### IV. New Business

- A. 5-Year Calendar –
  - Frantz handed out a revised 5-year calendar and final exam schedule and asked for any input from senators.
- B. Honorary Degree recommendation
  - The Senate entered Executive Session in order to discuss the nominee.

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded to not recommend an Honorary Degree to the nominee. 6 for (to not recommend), 7 against (to recommend), 4 abstentions. **Motion failed.**

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded to request more information on the nominee. 14 for, 2 against. **Motion passed.**

V. Adjournment: 6:45 pm

**Consent Calendar for January 8, 2007**

- A. Faculty Senate Minutes
  - 1. December 4, 2006
  - 2. January 8, 2007
- B. Faculty appointments to councils
  - 1. Athletics Advisory Board – (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2:30)
    - a. Spring sabbatical replacement for Mark Bezik
    - b. Spring sabbatical replacement for Paula Johnson
  - 2. Budget Council
    - a. Business representative
    - b. Engineering representative – **nomination for Mary Hofle**
- C. Minutes from Councils
  - 1. Curriculum Council
    - a. Minutes of November 16, 2006
    - b. Minutes of November 30, 2006
    - c. Minutes of December 7, 2006
  - 2. Campus Planning Council Minutes of October 25, 2006
  - 3. Academic Standards Council
    - a. Minutes of October 25, 2006 – **pulled from calendar on January 16, 2007. Added to Faculty Senate agenda for January 29, 2007**
    - b. Minutes of November 29, 2006
  - 4. Cultural Affairs Council
    - a. Minutes of May 5, 2006 – **pulled from calendar on January 8, 2007 and remanded back to CAC.**
    - b. Minutes of November 3, 2006
  - 5. Council for Teaching & Learning
    - a. Minutes of February 14, 2006
    - b. Minutes of September 12, 2006
    - c. Minutes of December 12, 2006
- D. Miscellaneous Reports
  - 1. Grade Distribution Report – Fall 2006

**Consent Calendar unanimously approved (16 voting) on January 22, 2007.**

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Karl De Jesus, Chair

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Connie Patchin,  
Administrative Assistant I

Approved: January 22, 2007

Documents:

Responsibilities of Senators

Draft Mission Statement

Revised 5-Year Calendar

Final Exam Schedule

Motion from the Governance Task Force

Statement on Faculty Governance within a shared University Governance Structure

Strategic Plan Template

Faculty Senate budgets - 2005 and 2006