

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES**

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May 7, 2007

Faculty Senate Conference Room, 128

Red Hill Building

4:00 pm

I. Preliminaries

Attendance: Allen, Bowen, Crews (Teleconference), Curtis, De Jesus (Chair, Teleconference), Devaud, Devine, Guryan (Teleconference), Hill, Kangas, Kantabutra, Kearns, Keeter, Klein, Magnuson, Masserini, Maughan, McCurry, McLaughlin, Murphy, Norton, Oliphant (Teleconference), Ray, Sieber, Smith, Thomas, Womack, and Woodworth-Ney

Absent: Beard, and Rankin (excused)

Ex-officio: Christensen, Frantz, Fullerton, and Wharton

Administrative and Graduate Assistants: Connie Patchin and David Robinson

II. Announcements and Reports

A. Women's Center Update – Woodworth-Ney –

A Presidential task force on diversity was created by Dr. Vailas. They have been meeting all semester and will have a report at the end of May. A new Women's office may be located in the Early Learning Center (ELC). It will be a part of the Diversity center for female faculty and staff. Stakeholders of the office will work out its purpose. Also included will be a Hispanic task force, NA task force, women's studies, WeLead, and ISU PW. The intent is to represent faculty and staff stakeholders that are not represented anywhere else on campus.

B. Faculty Governance Committee update - Masserini

De Jesus thanked the committee for its efforts. The statement on Faculty Governance was approved at the beginning of this semester, however some changes were made.

ACTION: Moved by Kangas and seconded by Devaud to accept amended Statement of Faculty Governance to replace the approved document from January 8, 2007. **Passed unanimously.**

ACTION: Moved by Bowen and seconded by Ray to approve the recommendations made by the ad hoc Committee on Faculty Governance. **Passed unanimously.** This includes renaming the Executive Council to the Faculty Senate Coordinating Council and making it a ninth council to report to the Senate.

ACTION: Moved and seconded to accept the document explaining the charge of the ad hoc Committee on Faculty Governance. **Passed unanimously.**

C. Senate Meeting format –

Masserini stated that Senate will go back to bi-monthly meetings. The Executive Committee and FS Coordinating Council will still meet. The Senate meetings will go no later than 5:30.

Bowen stated that Masserini and/or the Executive committee should meet with new senators to explain how business works and have an orientation for them.

D. End of year party –

A flyer was emailed to all senators, members, and member of the Coordinating Council. It will be Monday, May 14th at Lower Ross Park.

E. Presidential update –

De Jesus summarized the outcomes from several meetings with Dr. Vailas. These included:

- There will be no legislative increases to operating budget. Reserves were dedicated to the ERP and are gone.
- Faculty compensation is Dr. Vailas' #1 priority. Past programs were built on the backs of faculty and will no longer be done that way. ISU is to be one university with one faculty - all respected equally. Departments will be asked to consider new hires to be located at other campuses. If it makes sense for faculty to be based in Boise or Idaho Falls, departments can do that.
- Overall vision for other campuses – Dr. Wharton explained ISU is buying a building in Boise within the next two years. Both Boise and Idaho Falls have great potential for growth, ISU should take advantage. Any new programs must make sense with the strategic plan. With the new budget process in place the future will be better.
- De Jesus explained the faculty can make ISU the university that they want it to be.

F. Recognition for service –

De Jesus expressed his thank-yous to the Senators for their dedication and service.

Senators who will not be on Senate next year include: Allen, Devaud, Devine, Hill, Klein, Maughan, McLaughlin, Norton, Rankin, and Woodworth-Ney. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their commitment, hard work, support, and wisdom. They are: Devaud, McCurry, and Woodworth-Ney. Christensen, past chair, was thanked for her leadership, mentorship, friendship and support.

Masserini was thanked for being a loyal, hardworking, dedicated, and reliable Vice-Chair. De Jesus is looking forward to next year.

David Robinson was thanked for his research and presentations for Senate. Connie Patchin was given De Jesus' deepest appreciation for her support, efficiency, and resourcefulness.

Masserini explained that De Jesus has been a very good mentor who will make his job easier for next year. De Jesus always made sure the faculty voice was heard, and he paved a smooth and open path with the new administration.

III. Unfinished Business –

A. Learning Management System – Devine –

Devine requested a letter be composed to Dr. Wharton from the Senate requesting an additional purchase of WebCt for approximately 500 users while they give time for Moodle to grow and evolve.

ACTION: Moved by Devine and seconded by Kangas to draft a letter from Faculty Senate to Dr. Wharton to request a cost analysis and needs assessment to possibly purchase WebCT 6 for departments who would need it while Moodle evolves. 23 for, 2 against. **Motion passed.**

A small group of elite users may be left out with the choice of Moodle.

- B. Tuition benefit proposal –
 - De Jesus requested a full faculty vote be taken to use a portion of future compensation increases to the salary base to fund dependent tuition benefits.
 - ACTION:** Moved by Bowen and seconded by Sieber to send this issue to the Budget Council or Faculty Professional Policies Council for a cost analysis.
 - ACTION:** Moved by Maughan and seconded by Hill to call the question. 16 for, 8 against. **Motion passed.**
 - Discussion: Senate never got the figures asked for. What is the cost to extend just to faculty? Some senators want the real cost. This can be a real benefit to faculty members. It was stated that to put a dollar amount to this benefit is misdirected. Some senators felt they have worked too hard to be willing to give up now. This is a matter of recruitment and retention; a part of a compensation package. This would reduce salaries, not give faculty more money. Not ready for a faculty vote yet.
 - ACTION:** Moved by Bowen and seconded to table issue. 20 for, 3 against, 1 abstention. **Motion passed.** The issue was tabled for now.

IV. New Business

- A. Authorization for Faculty Senate officers to act on behalf of Senate during summer -
 - ACTION:** Moved by Hill and seconded by Norton to authorize the Faculty Senate officers to act on behalf of Senate during summer. **Passed unanimously.** 23 for, 1 abstention.

V. Adjournment – 6:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar May 7, 2007 – Voting due by May 10, 2007

- A. Faculty Senate Minutes of April 23, 2007
- B. Minutes from Councils
 - 1. Curriculum Council
 - a. Minutes of April 12, 2007
 - b. Minutes of April 19, 2007
 - 2. Research Coordinating Council Minutes of March 22, 2007
 - 3. Campus Planning Council
 - a. Minutes of March 28, 2007
 - b. Minutes of April 11, 2007
 - 4. Budget Council
 - a. Minutes of March 20, 2007
 - b. Minutes of April 17, 2007
 - 5. Cultural Affairs Council Minutes of February 23, 2007
- C. Reports
 - 1. Academic Standards Council report of activities 2006-2007
- D. Faculty Appointments to Councils (Fall 2007)
 - 1. Academic Standards Council (last Wednesday at 3:00)
 - a. Business
 - 2. Budget Council (third Tuesday at 4:00)

- a. Health Professions – two terms
- b. Business -
- 4. Council for Teaching & Learning (second Tuesday at 4:00)
 - a. Technology
- 5. Faculty Professional Policies Council (fourth Thursday at 11:00)
 - a. Technology
 - b. Health Professions – **nomination for Mary Dundas**
 - c. Engineering
- 6. Research Coordinating Council (once a month Thursday from 3-5)
 - a. Engineering
 - b. Pharmacy – **nomination for James Bigelow**

E. Faculty Senate Appointments to Councils

- 1. Academic Standards Council (last Wednesday at 3:00)
- 2. Council for Teaching & Learning (second Tuesday at 4:00)
- 3. Faculty Professional Policies Council (fourth Thursday at 11:00)
- 4. Cultural Affairs Council (once a month on Friday)

During a consent calendar vote due on May 10, 2007, the above calendar was unanimously approved (17 voted). Dundas and Bigelow were appointed to the councils as nominated.

Karl De Jesus, Chair

Connie Patchin,
Administrative Assistant I

Approved: August 27, 2007

Documents:

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 Ad hoc committee on Faculty Governance recommendations
 Statement on Faculty Governance