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4:00 PM

Faculty Senate Conference Room, REND 301

In Attendance: Doug Nilson (proxy for Adler), Bowen, Crews (telecommunication), Curtis, De Jesus (sabbatical replacement), Delehanty, Edwards, Frantz, Guryan (telecommunication), Kangas, Kantabutra, Kearns, Keeter, Manopoulos, Masserini (Chair), Moulton, Murphy, Norman, Oliphant (telecommunication), Payne, Sieber, Smith, Thomas, Vik, Wilson, Womack

Non-voting: Attebery, Carpenter, Fullerton, Wallace (Recording Secretary)

Excused: Cellucci

Absent: Beard, Campbell, Dye; Brown, Vailas, Wharton

I. Preliminaries and Announcements

State Board of Education Meeting

The State Board of Education will be meeting at ISU here in the Rendezvous Building this coming Thursday, December 6, 2007. The Executive Session will be held in the Faculty Senate Conference Room, and the open sessions will be in the conference room on the first floor. Senators were encouraged to attend. Dr. Vailas will make a presentation about ISU.

Website Announcements

Masserini frequently updates the Chair Announcements webpage with information from his meetings with the Administration and current issues as they arise. The Agenda and most of the Business Items for Senators will be posted to the website by the Wednesday before the upcoming Senate meeting. A few documents may be posted a day or so later as they are received.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Faculty Senate Minutes

- a. Minutes of October 29, 2007
- b. Minutes of November 12, 2007

B. Minutes from Councils

1. Curriculum Council

- a. Minutes of November 1, 2007

2. University Library Committee (carried over from last Senate meeting)

- a. Minutes for 2006-2007 (8 sets – presented in one .pdf document) — *pulled from Consent Calendar*
- b. Library Budget Summary FY2007-08

3. Campus Planning Council – *pulled from Consent Calendar*

- a. Minutes of October 24, 2007

4. Academic Standards Council

- a. Minutes of October 31, 2007

5. Cultural Affairs Council

- a. Minutes from November 2, 2007
- b. Minutes from November 16, 2007

- 6. **Athletics Advisory Board – information only**
 - a. Minutes of October 11, 2007
- C. **Faculty Appointments to Councils**
 - 1. **Academic Standards Council** – 1 semester replacement for Brian Norman nomination for **Susan Swetnam**, Dept. of English & Philosophy
 - 2. **Judicial/Student Conduct Board – pulled from Consent Calendar** nomination for **Dennis “Raz” Stowe**, Dept. of Mathematics nomination for **Albert Tay**, Dept. of Computer Information Systems, College of Business
 - 3. **Enrollment Management Advisory Group – pulled from Consent Calendar**

ACTION: Frantz **moved to approve** the remaining Consent Calendar items; seconded by Smith. The motion **passed**. **Susan Swetnam was appointed** as nominated.

Consent Calendar Items Pulled

B. 2. University Library Committee (carried over from last Senate meeting)

- a. Minutes for 2006-2007 (8 sets – presented in one .pdf document)

Bowen questioned what happened to the letter referenced in the Minutes for February 23, 2007 that was sent to Faculty Senate regarding the budget dilemma. The May 4, 2007 Minutes mentioned the serials issue was still unresolved and needs widespread faculty involvement. The Faculty Senate was to be approached for help this academic year. The Research Center wanted a representative on the University Library Committee because Research Overhead Accounts were used to help cover Library costs.

Kearns clarified that the letter was sent only to the Senate Chair, Karl De Jesus, not to the Faculty Senate as a whole. Serials cost inflation is still a problem; it was solved last year using one-time monies and the Library is not allowed to request any additional funds from the State in their budget proposal. Kay Flowers is willing to address the Senators and answer their questions.

De Jesus pointed out that the Minutes reflected a change to the Bylaws to include a Research Faculty Representative on the Committee. He also informed the Senate that the Budget Planning Committee took the Library’s letter and budget request seriously and recommended more money be allocated to the Library. De Jesus also asked about the change from EBSCOhost database. Kearns clarified that the State Library Commission switched to a database that is better for public and school libraries, over strenuous objections from the academic institutions. Oboler Library chose to use carry-over money to pay for an extension of EBSCOhost.

Attebery mentioned that Curriculum Council will be reviewing the University Library Committee as one of their two subcommittee reviews this year. She will be one of the reviewers and will follow up on the Research Faculty representative.

ACTION: A **motion** was made by Kantabutra and seconded by De Jesus to **approve** the University Library Committee Minutes. It **passed** unanimously.

B. 3. Campus Planning Council

- a. Minutes of October 24, 2007

Bowen asked why the new Charge to the Council was not appended to the Minutes. Wallace reminded Senators that the Charge had been forwarded separately and was approved by the Senate in their last meeting.

ACTION: Bowen **moved to approve** the Campus Planning Council Minutes; seconded by Smith. **Passed** unanimously.

C. 2. Judicial/Student Conduct Board

nomination for **Dennis “Raz” Stowe**, Dept. of Mathematics
nomination for **Albert Tay**, Dept. of Computer Information Systems, College of Business
Senators spoke on the candidates’ behalf.

ACTION: A vote was taken and **Albert Tay was elected** to the Judicial Board for a 3-year term.

C. 3. Enrollment Management Advisory Group

Masserini had met with Steve Neiheisel, the new Associate Provost for Enrollment Planning, who told Masserini about this new Advisory Group. The first meeting is scheduled to take place before the end of the semester. The Charge was handed out to Senators to review in hopes a volunteer would step forward.

Senators were not enthusiastic, noting the Advisory Board was composed mostly of Administration and Deans, with only one Faculty member. It was felt that the Board was not representative of shared Faculty governance, so the Senate need not necessarily be involved. Thomas informed Senators that he had served on the Recruitment and Retention Task Force and volunteered to sit on this Advisory Group. It was suggested that he attend the meeting and report back to the Senate.

ACTION: Bowen **moved to table** this issue; the **motion died** for lack of a second.

ACTION: Norman **moved to thank Michael Thomas** for volunteering to attend the Advisory Group meeting **and defer the issue** to the next Senate meeting. Seconded by De Jesus. The **motion passed** unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Selection of University-wide Tenure and Promotion Task Force members

Masserini read the names of all the nominees, including the last-minute nominees who were added to the list for Senators’ consideration:

Dr. Alan Johnson for the College of Arts & Sciences
Dr. Willis McAleese for the Kasiska College of Health Professions
Dr. Maher Wissa for the College of Technology

There were **no nominees** for the College of Engineering.

Each representative seat was considered and voted on separately.

ACTION: Sieber **moved to approve Dr. David Delehanty** as the representative for the **Faculty Senate Executive Committee**, seconded by Bowen.

Discussion: Delehanty spoke on his own behalf about his concern for academic freedom, faculty empowerment and faculty ownership of the tenure and promotion process. He then stepped out of the meeting to allow Senators to discuss his nomination freely. Other Senators spoke, then the nomination was put a vote.

Dr. David Delehanty was elected to serve on the Tenure and Promotion Task Force.

ACTION: De Jesus **moved to consider the candidates** for the **College of Arts & Sciences**, seconded by Smith.

Discussion: Vik left the room. Senators spoke on behalf of both **Dr. Peter Vik** and **Dr. Alan Johnson**. The importance of tenure as a property right and the necessity of having comprehensible procedures for the advancement process were emphasized. The Task Force members should be experienced professors, thoughtful scholars, and knowledgeable about procedures. They should also have a certain amount of courage in standing up for what they believe is right, and be passionate about protecting rights. Experience in serving on Tenure and Promotion Committees is another plus.

The Senators voted and **elected Dr. Peter Vik** to serve on the Tenure and Promotion Task Force representing the **College of Arts & Sciences**.

Masserini suggested voting on the contested seats first, rather than continuing in order down the list.

ACTION: A **motion** was made by Bowen, seconded by Frantz **to consider the nominees** for the **College of Health Professions**.

Discussion: Various Senators spoke on behalf of each of the candidates, outlining their qualifications and merits relative to the ideals previously discussed.

The vote was taken and **Dr. Karen Neill was elected** to serve on the Task Force representing the **Kasiska College of Health Professions**.

ACTION: Murphy **moved to discuss the nominees** and elect the **Clinical Faculty** representative; seconded by Smith.

Discussion: Senators spoke up for each candidate, based on the qualifications discussed previously.

Meg Long was elected to serve as the **Clinical Faculty** representative on the Task Force.

ACTION: **Moved** by Smith and seconded by Bowen **to elect Dr. Dennis Krumwiede** to represent the **College of Business**.

Discussion: A few Senators spoke of their knowledge of Dr. Krumwiede's abilities and experience pertinent to the Task Force's charge.

The Senators **voted to elect Dr. Dennis Krumwide** to serve on the Task Force as the representative for the **College of Business**.

ACTION: Nilson **moved to elect Dr. Jonathan Lawson** as the Task Force's **College of Education** representative. Seconded by Vik.

Discussion: Senators, including several former Senate Chairs, expressed confidence in Dr. Lawson's ability to act as a Faculty member, despite his former Administrative role as Vice President for Academic Affairs. His experience in that role would add another dimension to the perspective of the Task Force. Although he is currently a Department Chair, it was pointed out that he accepted the position only because no other eligible Faculty member stepped forward to take it.

The vote was taken and **Dr. Jonathan Lawson was elected** to represent the **College of Education** on the Task Force.

ACTION: Keeter **moved to approve Dr. Leslie Devaud** as the representative for the **College of Pharmacy**. Seconded by Vik.

Discussion: Dr. Devaud had assured Vik that she was interested and wanted to be involved with this Task Force. She is experienced and well-qualified. Other Senators spoke on her behalf as well.

Dr. Leslie Devaud was elected to serve on the Task Force as the representative for the **College of Pharmacy**.

ACTION: Moved by Vik and seconded by Curtis **to approve Dr. Maher Wissa** as the **College of Technology** representative.

Discussion: Senators mentioned Dr. Wissa has experience serving on the Rank and Promotion Committee within his College, and several commended his diligence and hard-working efforts they noticed in working with him on various Committees and Councils.

The Senators **elected Dr. Maher Wissa** to be the **College of Technology's** representative on the Task Force.

ACTION: A motion to approve Sandra Shropshire to represent the **Library** was made by Kearns, seconded by Thomas.

Discussion: Sandra Shropshire is a full professor and was involved in crafting the Library's Tenure and Promotion document.

Senators **voted to approve Sandra Shropshire** as the **Library's** representative.

The Tenure and/or Promotion Task Force will start work immediately, despite not having a representative yet from the College of Engineering.

B. Undergraduate Catalog revisions – Academic Standards Council recommendation

Masserini reminded Senators the Council approved this recommendation during their last meeting. The Minutes will follow later, after the Council's next meeting.

Frantz explained the reason for the recommendation was to clarify ISU's policies and close some loopholes. The changes will make it possible for ISU not to accept less rigorous Academic Renewal policies from other institutions, and to eliminate the confusion about Associate of Science degrees that left a door open for a student to attain a Bachelor of Arts Degree without fulfilling all the General Education requirements.

Kangas asked for clarification about transfer students. Frantz replied that this change applies only to ISU students. The Idaho State Board of Education's transfer policy dictates that transfer students with Associate of Science degrees are considered to have fulfilled all the General Education requirements. De Jesus informed Senators that this issue was discussed in Academic Council last year; the Administration is aware of the problem and is working to try to tighten up the articulation agreements with other institutions to meet ISU's requirements.

ACTION: Moved by Frantz and seconded by Vik **to approve the Academic Standards Council's recommended changes to the Undergraduate Catalog**. The motion **passed**.

Adjournment: 5:27 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 17, 2007**.

Dr. John Masserini, Chair

Catherine Wallace,
Administrative Assistant 1

Approved by Faculty Senate: December 17, 2007

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