

Idaho State University
Council for Teaching and Learning
Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
4:00 PM
Faculty Senate Conference Room REND 301

In Attendance: Groome (Chair), Wong, Neill, Hill, Gee, Enos, Diedrich, Hertz, Albright,
Excused: Pearce, Rhoads, Rudd, Schou, Turley-Ames
Absent: Leung, Eley, Albright
Non-voting: Wallace (Recording Secretary)

1. Approval of Minutes from Dec 8, 2009.

ACTION: Moved by Enos and seconded by Neill **to approve the minutes of** November 10, 2009. Discussion by Hertz to correct the last paragraph, Dr Jennifer Bloom “has offered to visit” instead of “will visit”. The corrected minutes were moved by Enos and seconded by Neill. The motion **carried with unanimous approval and one abstention.**

2. Report from Sub-Committees and Discussion

Advising Strategies, Committee leader Joanne Hertz

Hertz reported that their sub-committee met, and that she spoke with Laird Duncan about suggestions to improve the advising website. These will be discussed with the other members of the advising sub-committee at their next meeting.

Recognition and Merit for Faculty Advising Activities, Committee Leader Cindy Hill

Hill reported that their committee had not met in the interim between CTL meetings and that their group could use some more direction on how to approach the topic. Their subcommittee has differing perspectives on whether only some or all faculty members should advise and to what extent advising activities and merit should be made explicit in the University workload policy. It was agreed that these topics should be discussed by the CTL as a group today.

Phase III Activities, Sub-committee leader Jim Groome

Groome noted that his group met in the interim since the last CTL meeting, while waiting for the official notification of the start of the activities for the Task Force on Gen Ed Requirements. Groome noted that Curriculum Council has been working on Phase II (program goals and objectives) in preparation for the work for this Task Force to come up with assessment strategies and recommendations.

The group of Groome, Turley-Ames and Rhoads met to discuss the upcoming work of this Task Force. Topics of discussion included activities to implement an assessment plan: Groome noted that Rosemary Smith from Biology had led such a task in 2004 and that he would discuss the topic with her. In addition, other individuals might be asked to contribute to the work of this subcommittee based on expertise, and following the termination of the spring semester when Groome steps down as Chair.

General Discussion

Hertz asked whether Dr. Jennifer Bloom of the University of South Carolina should be contacted to see if she might present to the faculty on advising matters.

Enos noted that practical information was most important, relative to a general speech.

Groome suggested that the Mortar Board dinner might provide a venue for a general speech if there were plans to bring Dr. Bloom to campus for practical help with the advising matters discussed on the CTL or faculty as a whole.

Neill noted that it is important first to understand exactly what faculty need and want in terms of advising.

Enos stated a need exists to clarify what are the responsibilities at the level of the university, departments, faculty and students, for advising.

Neill suggested that we contact Dr. Bloom to establish a relationship now, and not simply rely on the existing relationship via Dr. Bloom's graduate student at ISU.

Another person of interest was noted, Karen Appleby's father, who has written a book on advising issues. The members of the committee then decided to come back to this issue (whether or not to contact these individuals) and the general issue of advising recognition, at the next meeting.

5. Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.

The next Council meeting was tentatively scheduled for 4:00 PM, **Tuesday, February 16, 2010.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Groome, Chair, Council for Teaching and Learning
Catherine Wallace Administrative Assistant 1, Faculty Senate

Approved by Council for Teaching & Learning: February 16, 2010
Accepted by Faculty Senate: February 22, 2010