

Idaho State University
Cultural Affairs Council
Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

4:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate Conference Room, REND 301

In Attendance: Bhushan, Freudenthal, Livingston Friedley, Mundt, Zielinski

Excused: Kantabutra

Absent: Herrman, Richards

Non-voting: Wallace (Recording Secretary)

Guest: Dr. David Delehanty, Faculty Senate Chair

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

The Council members introduced themselves. A quorum was present for voting purposes.

2. Guest: Dr. David Delahanty, Faculty Senate Chair

A handout detailing ISU's Faculty Governance structure was distributed to each member. Delehanty reminded members that faculty governance has a long tradition in academia and that he is urging ISU's faculty to reclaim their voice. ISU has a long-standing faculty governance system and collectively the Senate, its Councils, subcommittees and the Faculty in general have **an extensive purview** over many aspects of the university. Delehanty listed six areas that are traditionally part of what is commonly referred to in national higher-education faculty organizations as faculty's "**profession-based authority**" to:

- establish curriculum
- determine degree requirements for the granting of university degrees
- determine eligibility for admission into the faculty ranks
- determine eligibility for tenure
- determine eligibility for sabbaticals
- evaluate university administrators

Faculty has the **right to a major say in all policies** that affect the academic mission and overall welfare of the university. The Administration may develop draft policies, but those policies must be vetted and accepted by the faculty before they become official. Delehanty gave the current Administration credit for actively fostering **transparency and openness** in campus affairs, particularly in the budgetary process. The books are now open for those who wish to see them.

Universities are not just about teaching students; universities are also responsible for **creating new knowledge**, and for creating venues that **link their surrounding communities to the rest of the world**. The Cultural Affairs Council is the faculty's voice in creating those links. Students are interested in food, music and social interaction. They do not want "boring"; they want a dynamic, exciting, diverse social environment. The challenge to universities is to provide that excitement without the usual bar scene. This Council has a lot of influence in deciding which events are brought to campus.

Delehanty is asking each Council to come up with **at least one substantive initiative** of their own to work on this year, in addition to their usual tasks. The members greeted this suggestion favorably, and would ponder various ideas to discuss next time. They thanked Delehanty for coming, and expressed appreciation for his message.

3. Elect a new Chair to replace Monique Manopoulos

eligible: Alok Bhushan, Jacque Freudenthal, Diana Livingston Friedley

There was some discussion among the eligible members about their respective availability and time constraints.

ACTION: Freudenthal **moved to elect Livingston Friedley to be Chair** of the Cultural Affairs Council. Bhushan seconded the motion. Livingston Friedley accepted the nomination. No discussion. The **motion passed** unanimously. **Diana Livingston Friedley was duly elected Chair of the Cultural Affairs Council.**

4. Minutes from May 8, 2008

ACTION: Bhushan **moved to approve the minutes** from the last meeting on May 8, 2008. Seconded by Freudenthal. No discussion. The members voted unanimously to **approve** the minutes.

5. Budget Status Report

The secretary informed the Council members that the Vice President of Finance and Administration, Mr. Fletcher, had agreed to carry forward the \$2,424.29 left over from the previous year's allocated budget. Most of the carry-forward money came from an airline ticket that had been refunded because a last-minute illness forced one of the Francophonie conference participants to cancel. The carry-forward amount was in addition to this year's State allocation of \$19,733. A handout of the State budget account's status was given to Council members showing the various approved and proposed grants and the running balance if each grant were approved. Wallace reminded the Council members the Local account funds were available if necessary, but the Council had decided last year to keep those funds intact as a reserve. No money was received yet from the admission fees charged for Greg Faulkenstein's viola concert the Council sponsored last spring. **Livingston Friedley said she would inquire about the Council's promised share of the proceeds from that concert.**

6. Grant Proposals for Mini-Grants -- tabled from last meeting pending further information

a. Dr. Kandi Turley-Ames (Psychology): Dr. Emily Toth, aka "Ms. Mentor" of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Scheduled for April 3, 2009. Funds requested: \$500

Over the summer Dr. Turley-Ames had answered the Council's questions from the May meeting. Dr. Toth was to be the keynote speaker for the Women's History Month event, and her lecture would be free and open to the public. The title of the talk was "Strong Women and How They Did It."

ACTION: Moved by Bhushan and seconded by Livingston Friedley to approve the \$500 requested for Dr. Toth's lecture. No discussion. The motion **passed** unanimously, and the Mini-Grant was approved.

b. Dr. Ann Hunter (Sociology): Dr. Katherine Siebold, Professor of Anthropology "Doing Anthropology with Indigenous People in Peru." Scheduled for late September or early October, 2008. Funds requested: \$500

ACTION: Freudenthal **moved to approve the \$500 Mini-Grant** for Dr. Siebold's lecture. Seconded by Livingston Friedley. No discussion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

7. Council Bylaws update

The bylaws were remanded back to the Cultural Affairs Council by Faculty Senate to have grant review process and award criteria added. There may be some additional revisions mandated by the Faculty Senate soon.

8. New Business

a. Grant Proposal from ISU Student Unions – deferred until the next meeting
Don Bartletti Art Exhibit and Lecture, in conjunction with the Idaho Reading Project's speaker, Sonja Nazario, author of *Enrique's Journey*. Art exhibit scheduled for October 27 through November 27, 2008; lecture would be late October or early November 2008.

Total funds requested: \$2,184.

Time was running out for discussion, so this item was **deferred** until the next Cultural Affairs Council meeting.

b. Dr. Jennifer Eastman-Attebery (English). Idaho Yesterdays Lecture by Daniel Kemmis. September 30-October 1, 2008. Total Funds Requested: \$500

This grant proposal was separate from the Mini-Grant funds already awarded to Dr. Attebery, although it was for the same project. If the application procedures for non-Mini-Grants had been established and available to Dr. Attebery last Spring, this would have been one proposal for a larger grant, not split into two requests.

Some discussion ensued in recalling the details of this proposal and the Council's initial reaction to it. Freudenthal recalled the Council's main concern was to avoid the appearance of awarding two Mini-Grants to the same proposal. Since there was more money in the grant budget this year because of the carry-forward, the Council felt approval of this grant would not adversely affect other grant proposals that may be submitted in the weeks to come. Freudenthal requested the Minutes expressly state that this grant award is NOT a second Mini-Grant, and that the extenuating circumstances be explained in detail. The Council plans to develop written procedures, forms and criteria for non-Mini-Grants this Fall and make them readily available to those who wish to apply.

ACTION: Moved by Mundt to **approve \$500 in Other Grant funds to cover the additional cost of the Idaho Yesterdays lecture.** Seconded by Zielinski. The motion **passed** unanimously.

c. Jerome Ringo in Idaho – speaker engagement solicitation by Keppler Speakers. Proposed Lecture on Environmental issues. Cost of engagement: \$10,000 plus hotel expenses.

In late July the Council's former chair, Monique Manopoulos, had received an email from Dustin Jones, the *Keppler Speakers* agent for Mr. Ringo asking the Council to sponsor a lecture to augment Mr. Ringo's scheduled appearances in Idaho. The agency proposed a much-reduced fee of \$10,000 (instead of the usual \$15,000 charge for Mr. Ringo's speaking engagements) plus hotel expenses, if the Council would host him on September 30 or October 1, 2008.

After discussion, the Council members felt the cost was too expensive for the Council to bear alone and still leave enough to fund other proposals for university-sponsored events. The timeframe was also thought to be too tight to allow for adequate publicity and advertising of Mr. Ringo's lecture and appearance at ISU.

ACTION: Livingston Friedley **moved not to accept Keppler Speakers' invitation to book Mr. Ringo** for an environmental lecture at ISU. Seconded by Mundt. The motion **passed** unanimously. **Livingston Freidley agreed to contact the agency and politely decline their offer.**

9. Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Wallace
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Approved by Cultural Affairs Council: September 3, 2008
Accepted by Faculty Senate: September 15, 2008