IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

February 5, 2018
4:00 p.m.
FS Conference Rm (Rendezvous 301), Meridian 653

In Attendance:

Senators
☐ Laura Ahola-Young E ☒ Sonja Launspach ☐ Justin Stover E
☐ Jeremy Thomas E ☒ Zachary Heern ☐ Kathleen Lane E
☒ Jeff Brookman ☒ Paul Watkins (co-chair) ☒ Ellen Ryan
☒ Curtis Anderson ☒ René Rodriguez ☒ Hossein Mousavinezhad
☐ Kenneth Moore E ☐ Dallen Worthington E ☐ Gene Warren (co-chair) E
☐ David Blakeman E ☒ Carol Kirkpatrick E ☒ Marv Sparrell
☒ Barb Mason (telecom) ☐ Kerry Casperson A ☒ Anish Sebastian
☒ Rick Wagoner ☐ Kim Jardine-Dickerson E ☒ James Ralphs
☒ Kathy Eroschenko

Ex-Officio:
☐ Laura Woodworth-Ney ☒ Margaret Johnson ☐ Kris Clarkson
☐ Jessica Sargent ☒ David Blakeman (see above) ☒ Connie Tillotson (Recorder)

Guests:
☒ Selena Grace ☒ Brian Hickenlooper ☒ Adam Jacobsmeyer
☒ Ed Tatar

Open Forum – None

I. Guest Speakers – Selena Grace, Vice Provost, Office of Academic Affairs and Brian Hickenlooper, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Administration
Watkins said Selena Grace wanted to present the FY19 Budget Proposals to Faculty Senate to provide the Senators with an opportunity to weigh in and indicate by February 15 whether Senate accepts the budget as submitted or whether there are any concerns.

- Grace said she would meet again with the Senate on February 26 to talk about program viability and program health and discuss the data shared with the deans.
- Grace said some of the budget decisions made last year have not yet been made/realized this year. Likewise, some of the budgets decisions made for the next fiscal year may not be realized until the following year.
- FY18 Budget Recap: In order to cover the $12 million deficit for FY18, targets were established for the academic areas ($2 million) and for the non-academic areas ($10 million). The academic areas had achieved their targets with either cuts or revenue generation proposals. The non-academic units had proposed budget cuts (athletic scholarships, CPI, counseling, and public safety training) to IEAC. IEAC determined the
proposed cuts would adversely impact students, or services, and/or safety and chose not to accept the proposed budget cuts resulting in an overall budget reduction of ~$4.9 million. Grace provided a summary of the target ranges proposed for each of the colleges. She explained the College of Technology is funded from Career Technical Education funds. They have a small amount of appropriated funds.

- Grace reviewed the percentage of FY18 appropriated funding attributed to operating expenses. Last year, the colleges were asked to identify funding for two colleges that lacked sufficient operating funds. The College of Business only had ~$10.7K operating funds. Academic Affairs had been providing funding for the College for the past four years from one-time funds. This year IEAC will address this as well. Likewise, the College of Education has a small operating budget. They have been able to reallocate faculty and/or staff lines or located other sources of revenue to establish an operating budget.

- Grace provided an overview of the data provided related to degrees offered in comparison to degrees produced. She said this data is useful because the State is moving away from credit hour production to degree production and additional funding to the institutions will be provided based on this metric (performance-based funding). The chart reflected Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate degrees produced by each college/division. The data shows that the Division of Health Sciences is subsidizing some of our graduate programs in some of our other academic areas. A fair percentage of their programs are funding by professional fees. When the Division generates tuition revenue, the funds are used to support the institution as a whole.

  **Question:** Grace was asked whether any consideration was factored to those programs providing courses for first year students not taught by the Division. Grace explained when looking at the degree production they did not factor in the support elements. When they look at the credit hour production, they will take into consideration the courses that are support/service courses to other degree programs. As they view the program viability data, if these support programs are not producing degrees they will receive a waiver.

- Grace provided an overview for the slides for Fall 2017 End of Term Highlights, Fall End of Term Headcount, and IPEDS 2017 Fact Book. Grace said the peer groups for ISU is under review to target peer institutions that are more aligned with ISU’s unique set of metrics. There are only five institutions in the country that has the scope of responsibility that we do – from career technical education to residency programs.

- FY19 budget will have a $5.7 million shortfall. The University will use $3 million from reserves. Academic units will need to cover $2 million of the deficit and non-academic units will cover $700,000.

- **FY19 Academic Budget Process** – The deans of the colleges were asked to meet collectively to identify how they could meet the $2 million deficit. The College of Technology was excluded from the conversation since they are funded by CTE funds. The Division was also excluded from this exercise since they continue to exceed revenue projections. The colleges were not provided with ranges but were given the option for revenue enhancement or programs changes – closures, consolidations, or reallocation. The following was proposed:
The proposed cuts are only one-time cuts this year. Last year, the cuts were permanent cuts. Unknown what will occur next year.

Discussion followed with various questions from the Senators and responses from Grace and Hickenlooper. Watkins said Academic Affairs has asked for an email vote from the Senators to approve as recommended, request additional information or questions, and/or approve some and disapprove others. The deadline is February 15. Concern was expressed by the Senators for sufficient time to poll their constituent groups and secure responses. Wagoner said their college has vetted the budget recommendations with them but did wonder whether it was appropriate for one college to vote approval or otherwise for other colleges. Grace apologized for the short time frame. The deans were asked to review and vet with their areas before the holiday break. Not all requested information was received until recently. IEAC needs to review the information and make any changes before the budget presentations. Grace said she could extend the deadline to February 19. Watkins said the group could vote on the process and provide feedback on the components for each area. It was suggested to have the Senators for each college collectively bring responses for their areas.

Grace provided an update on the NWCCU (Northwest Commission on Colleges and University) accreditation process. The NWCCU accepted the mid-cycle review.

The other agenda items were tabled due to time constraints.

II. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 5:57 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: Approved February 27, 2018