IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

February 27, 2018
4:00 p.m.
FS Conference Rm (Rendezvous 301), Meridian 653, IF BennionRoom

In Attendance:

Senators
☐ Laura Ahola-Young
☒ Jeremy Thomas
☒ Jeff Brookman
☒ Curtis Anderson
☐ Kenneth Moore
☐ David Blakeman
☐ Barb Mason (telecom)
☐ Rick Wagoner
☒ Kathy Eroschenko

Ex-Officio:
☐ Laura Woodworth-Ney
☐ Jessica Sargent

Guests:
☒ Jim Skidmore (for Ahola-Young)
☒ Ed Tatar

Open Forum – None

I. Guest Speakers – Laura Woodworth-Ney, Executive Vice President, Office of Academic Affairs, and Selena Grace, Vice Provost, Office of Academic Affairs

A. Program Viability

Selena Grace provided the Senators with a copy of her presentation document as well as supporting materials. Grace provided an overview of the history of program viability, program history, and program health. In 2009/2010, the Board was approved to proceed with program prioritization versus performance-based funding. Over 270 academic programs were evaluated and a framework was developed to rank into five quintiles. Those programs ranked into the 4th and 5th quintiles were asked to provide an action plan for those programs - reorganization, consolidations, or closures. Programs were flagged if they had a five year average number of graduates: 1) ≤5 at the associate and certificate level; 2) ≤10 at the undergraduate level; 3) ≤5 at the Master’s level; and 4) ≤3 at the Doctoral level. Grace discussed the program data for each college/division. Grace addressed a few inquiries from Senators and provided responses: 1) Dual enrollment is not factored into the data since students are not enrolled as a degree-seeking student; 2) The metrics are a standard used across institutions across the country. The deans had approved the metrics; and 3) The program is new but the data is available from prior years and populated into the program viability program. Programs flagged in their first year do not require action but if they continue to be flagged in subsequent years the deans/programs will need to address.
Faculty from each college/division have access to program viability and this data. If a faculty does not have access, contact Office of Institutional Research for access. Some data is restricted to the deans and chairs.

Grace asked Faculty Senate to provide a faculty representative from each college and two from the Division to work on the program health, viability assessment framework with the Vice Provost this fall. This workgroup would explore other elements beside degree production. Academic Affairs wanted to engage faculty in a more meaningful viability and health framework for programs that the institution can use and share with the Board.

Grace provided a demonstration on accessing program viability reports within BengalWeb (Academics: Institutional Research Channel). Discussion followed with various questions from the Senators and responses from Grace and the Provost.

II. Faculty Senate Minutes
   A. January 8, 2018 – minutes posted in Box and approved.
   B. January 22, 2018 – minutes posted in Box and approved.
   C. February 5, 2018 – minutes posted in Box and approved.

III. Announcements and Updates
   A. Update on Presidential Search
      Warren provided an update on the candidate’s search. Another search will take place on Monday at 4:15 pm as well as Wednesday.

IV. New Business
   A. Degree Requirements
      Academic Standards Committee (ASC) had approved the degree requirements at their last meeting but due to the time constraints with the undergraduate catalog Faculty Senate was asked to approve without the minutes. Ralphs motioned to accept the degree requirements; seconded by Worthington. Motion carried.

   B. Petition Policies
      Academic Standards Committee had approved the changes to the petition policy at their last meeting but due to the time constraints with the undergraduate catalog Faculty Senate was asked to approve without the minutes. Ralphs motioned to accept the changes to the petition policies; seconded by Worthington. Motion carried.
      ACTION: Degree Requirements and Petition Policies approved. ASC will be notified.

V. Continuing Business
   A. Standing Faculty Appeals
      Warren said Faculty Senate still needs to nominate and appoint three faculty members to serve on the Standing Faculty Appeals Panel. This is not to be confused with the appointments made by the deans. One faculty member was interested in serving in another committee resulting in Senate’s search for three.

VI. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned 6:01 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: March 12, 2018