April 23, 2018
4:00 p.m.
FS Conference Rm (Rendezvous 301), Meridian 653, Idaho Falls Bennion Room

In Attendance:

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

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

Guests:
☒ Pauline Thiros ☒ Shauna Croft ☒ Joanne Tokle
☒ John Gribas ☒ Ed Tatar ☒ Logan Schmidt

Open Forum – None

I. Welcome and Introductions
Jessica Sargent introduced Logan Schmidt as the new ASISU President for 2018-2019.

II. Guest Speakers – Laura Woodworth-Ney, Executive Vice President/Provost, Office of Academic Affairs
Provost was unable to attend but had expressed her appreciation for Faculty Senate efforts and work. Warren expressed his appreciation to the Provost for her support and attendance.

III. Guest Speaker(s) – Pauline Thiros, Associate Vice President for Development, and Shauna Croft, Director of ISU Foundation Financial Services and Operations
Thiros provided a handout – Spring 2018 Development Report. Thiros discussed gifts received: individual cash gifts, corporate cash gifts, in-kind gifts, new pledges, planned gifts, and land and real estate gifts. She discussed underwater endowments and provided a brief explanation and background.
One question posed to Thiros was related to the Alsam funds being used for ICOM. Thiros explained DPW provided funding to expand the bottom floor of the building. The Alsam Foundation provided the initial gift to acquire the site in Meridian and continues to have an interest in the building and its growth. The only way to expand the building is to build a second floor. The Alsam funds were to be used to accommodate the growth and expansion in our
programs. The funding is separate from any affiliation with ICOM. Thiros said ISU does not raise money for ICOM. ICOM is a for-profit organization and has created an ICOM Scholarship Endowment fund for any ISU student that wishes to continue their education at ICOM. This endowment is similar to other endowments established by other business entities.

IV. Guest Speaker(s) – Joanne Tokle, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and John Gribas, Chair, University Assessment Review Committee (UARC)
A. Program Review Process Update

Gribas and Tokle had provided the Senators with the Program Review Process Update in an earlier meeting. The Senators were asked to review and provide their feedback. The suggested timeline will be revised related to the July-September review portion. Since faculty are off contract it will be changed to August-October. The program review process is not for programs with specialized accreditation. Program review has changed from a 5-year cycle to a 7-year cycle. Annual reports provide a status update from the last action plan and plans for the coming year. Programs are encouraged to work on it annually since it is a seven year cycle. Questions were posed about funding for the external reviewer(s). Tokle said the external reviewer requirement has always been in place but has changed to a requirement for only one external review. Traditionally, the program covers the expense. Thomas motioned to accept the Program Review Update; seconded by Heern. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Program Review Process Update approved.

II. Guest Speaker – Dottie Sammons-Lohse, Associate Professor, College of Education
A. End of Course Evaluation Project Update

Sammons-Lohse was unable to attend. She will present at another time.

III. Faculty Senate Minutes
A. April 9, 2018

General consensus to approve.

**ACTION:** April 9, 2018 minutes approved.

IV. Announcements and Updates
A. Announcements

Ahola-Young said the Faculty Constitution Committee will meet over the summer. Currently the committee consists of her, James Skidmore, Warren, Colden Baxter, and Wagoner. She asked for any other volunteers from some of the other college Senators. Both Rodriguez and Kirkpatrick volunteered. Ryan will check with Library faculty to see if there is an interest. The objective of the group is to look at the constitution that was ratified in 2011, compare it to BSU’s, and prepare documents to have the President review in the fall.

B. Senate Chairs’ Report

- **President’s Cabinet** – Watkins report the majority of requests submitted by ISU to SBOE were approved. Tuition increased for 3.5% and was the lowest request in Idaho.
- **Dean’s Council** – They did not meet. Meeting will occur next week.
- **IEAC** – Nothing to report. The next meeting is in May.
- **SBOE Update** – Mentioned above in President’s Cabinet report.

C. Update from Academic Affairs

Johnson said they are waiting for all the Idaho universities to submit their CEC (raises) plans
to the Financial Management Committee. Once that entity approves, the budget can be finalized. A 3% raise has been recommended.

D. **Update from Student Affairs**
Clarkson provided an update to the McIntosh fire. Some students did not have renter’s insurance but are receiving assistance by Red Cross and other donations. Hope to have the building ready for fall 2018.

E. **Update from ASISU**
Nothing to report. Schmidt had earlier been introduced to the Senators.

V. **New Business**
A. **Academic Standards Committee (ASC) Minutes – March 30, 2018**
   Minutes accepted by consensus.
   **ACTION:** ASC Minutes for March 30, 2018 accepted.

VI. **Continuing Business**
A. **Retirement Pension Plans – Statements to UI and BSU**
The Senators were asked to review and provide their responses by the end of the week. Clarification on what the vote entails. Watkins recapped the background of what was presented. Heern motioned to support the statement; seconded by Ahola-Young. Blakeman suggested since a deadline of Friday was given, should wait until then. Motion rescinded. Discussion ensued that UI was not in support of what BSU presented. Worthington is unsure whether a vote is needed do we support the consensus of whether faculty should have PERSI. Warren said the documents are in Box and to send in your response by April 27.

B. **Wait List Follow-up**
The Senators were to get a sub-committee together to meet with the Registration Office to discuss parameters and options. This group will provide the Provost with an action plan. Ahola-Young said the committee is Anderson, Rodriguez, Ahola-Young, and Thomas.

C. **Faculty Professional Policies Workgroup – Rick Wagoner, Chair**
   Tabled – Wagoner not present.
Ahola-Young recognized the Senators leaving Faculty Senate. A round of appreciation to those leaving. Lane has been with Faculty Senate over six years.

VII. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: Approved August 20, 2018