February 25, 2019
4:00 p.m.
FS Conference Rm (Rendezvous 340), Meridian 680D, Idaho Falls TAB 279

In Attendance:

**Senators**
- Laura Ahola-Young
- James Stoutenborough
- Jerry Leffler
- Ellen Ryan
- Hossein Mousavinezhad
- Kenneth Moore
- Phoebe Greene
- Marv Sparrell
- Kerry Casperson
- Malliga Och

**Ex-Officio:**
- Laura Woodworth-Ney
- Kris Clarkson
- Paul Watkins (Past Co-Chair)

**Guests:**
- Karen Appleby
- Mike Ellis
- Jim Skidmore
- Yury Gryazin
- Amande Eller

**Open Forum** – Ellis shared that American Association of University Professors (AAUP) would look favorably on Faculty Senate opening free elections with the passing of the new Faculty Senate Constitution. Ellis shared that there is a good chance that an AAUP officer will be visiting our campus sometime in March and the choice Faculty Senate makes about holding an open election could affect getting off sanction by AAUP.
I. Welcome and Introductions
Mousavinezhad welcomed Amanda Eller to Faculty Senate.

II. Guest Speaker-Karen Appleby, Program for Instructional Effectiveness
Appleby introduced the Program for Instructional Effectiveness (PIE). The PIE overview is centralized communication strategy, connect units on campus, market and support pedagogical initiatives, and provide opportunities for learning and training. The results from the needs assessment survey showed that the top areas of interest to faculty are active learning strategies, technology in teaching, project based learning, course design, and enhancing on-line instruction. Assessment interest from the survey showed, 65-66% of faculty are interested in rubrics, formative assessment, and summative assessment. Advising interests from the survey shows, that faculty is interest in undergraduate advising, graduate theses/project advising, graduate advising, and undergraduate theses/project advising. Faculty would like to participate in workshops, group interaction, discussions, formal presentations, problem or case-based discussions, online webinars, and podcasts. Participation barriers for faculty are lack of time and scheduling. The next step for PIE is to meet with individual units on campus, beginning preliminary programming, and strategic planning. The strategic planning meeting will be April 8 & 9, 2019. We will meet with faculty from all college, GERC, ITRC, Student Success Center, Student Affairs, Program Review and Assessment, Academic Affairs, and Faculty Senate to develop our strategic plan. Sonja Launspach will represent Faculty Senate at the strategic planning meeting.

III. Faculty Senate Minutes
Wagoner motioned to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes; Rose seconded. Motion carried. (Abstained 4)
ACTION: February 11, 2019 minutes approved.

IV. Announcements and Updates
a. Announcements
Ahola-Young discussed having a Faculty Senate member act as a liaison between Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council.

b. Update from ASISU
Benny Awards nominations are due March 1, 2019.

c. Update from Student Affairs
Clarkson shared that ISU has retained Campus Bookstore Consulting Corporation (CBC) to conduct a comprehensive external analysis of the ISU Bookstore operations. CBC is an independent, objective national bookstore-consulting firm serving higher education. As part of the analysis, we are soliciting qualitative feedback from the campus community. We would like to give you an opportunity to communicate your perceptions and expectations regarding the Bookstore. The focus group will be March 14, 2019 from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Snake River Room. We need 12-15 faculty members to participate. The focus group needs 12-15 faculty members to participate. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lowell Richards at richlowe@isu.edu.

d. Senate Chairs’ Report
Mousavinezhad discussed Program Health and Sustainability and announced that Selena Grace will be talking to Faculty Senate about the program at the March 11, 2019 meeting. Ahola-Young brought up the need for Program Health and Sustainability to include Graduate Council.
e. Update from Academic Affairs
None

f. Research Council (RC)
Holmes updated Faculty Senate about the Internal Seed Grant due date being moved to March 25, 2019. The grant information is online at https://www.isu.edu/research/research-support/osp/internal-grant-opportunities/. Research Council is currently reviewing 13 nominations for Distinguished Researcher. Holmes talked about Ahola-Young talking to RC. Ahola-Young talked about resistance from RC to fold back under faculty senate. Ahola-Young recommended having a working group made up of Faculty Senate, Research Council, Academic Standards Committee, Undergraduate Curriculum Council, and Faculty Professional Policies Council members to look at reporting process. Wagoner and Christoffersen volunteered for this working group.

g. Undergraduate Curriculum Council (UCC)
Belliston shared that State Proposals going forward must come from your 3-year plan. State proposals are due during the spring semester. UCC is revising their bylaws and would like Faculty Senate input on the Division of Health Science request for another seat on UCC due to their restructuring into four colleges. The Division of Health Science also requested that the responsibilities for the Health Science representatives be divided up between the four colleges. This division would create an unequal workload for UCC representatives.

V. New Business

a. Academic Standards Committee Minutes
Wagoner motioned to accept the February 8, 2019 minutes; Ralph seconded. Motion carried. (Abstained 5)
ACTION: February 8, 2019 minutes accepted.

b. Athletic Advisory Board Minutes
Wagoner motioned to accept the January 17, 2019 minutes; Holmes seconded. Motion carried. (Abstained 5)
ACTION: January 17, 2019 minutes accepted.

VI. Continuing Business

a. Bylaw Committee-Budget Advisory Council and Campus Planning Council
Ahola-Young went through the new bylaws and the questions that the committee had for senate. Senate discussed councils under Faculty Senate and voting for Chair, Vice Chair and the Executive Committee. Stoutenborough discussed the timing of when senate votes on Chair, Vice Chair, and the Executive Committee. Stoutenborough voiced concerns that junior faculty brought to him about not having an influence on Faculty Senate until their third year at ISU. Mousavinezhad stated that there are bylaws on the website that Faculty Senate reviews every three years and they were approved in March 2018. Wagoner stated that the Bylaw Committee has been writing new bylaws to match the new Faculty Senate Constitution. Mousavinezhad stated that the last few years senate has been operating by the bylaws on the website. Mousavinezhad stated that SBOE said you can have constitution or you can have bylaws therefor we have been operating on existing bylaws. Mousavinezhad stated that elections are not usually discussed until March. Ahola-Young stated that the bylaws on the website are no longer valid. Mousavinezhad stated that if the bylaws on the website are not valid then nothing is
valid, the constitution is not valid. Ralph stated that for the last few months the bylaw committee has been writing new bylaws and the new bylaws will be brought to a vote because the bylaws on the website are not valid. Ahola-Young stated that the Bylaw Committee was formed in November 2018 to rewrite bylaws. Mousavinezhad stated that membership and election of the Chair and Vice Chair should be based on the bylaws that are currently on the website rather than future bylaws. Mousavinezhad stated that this would be out of order and he cannot accept this as a Co-Chair. Ahola-Young stated that under the constitution the senate could ask Ahola-Young and Mousavinezhad to step down because the new constitution states that Faculty Senate will have a Chair and Vice Chair. Stoutenborough stated that the constitution trumps bylaws and senate has to follow the new constitution approved by faculty October 8, 2018 and SBOE on December 20, 2018. Wagoner motioned to have Selleneit take the outdated bylaws that are no longer in effect off the website immediately. Holmes seconded. Motion carried.

**Action:** Selleneit will remove bylaws from the website immediately.

Leffler stated that the bylaws are for how Faculty Senate operates under the constitution, the Faculty Senate Constitution is for all faculty, and the constitution supersedes the bylaws. Senate discussed the election process and councils in the new bylaws.

Leffler motioned that Faculty Senate approve the bylaw revisions as written. Thackray seconded. Motion carried.

**Action:** New bylaws approved by Faculty Senate.

### b. Faculty Senate Open Forum
Tabled due to time.

### c. Faculty Professional Policies Council Vote
Senate discussed the candidates. Tie vote. An electronic vote will be sent out February 26, 2019 to break the tie.

### d. Faculty Senate Seats
Tabled due to time.

#### VII. Future Agenda Items
Council seat numbers.

#### VIII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 6:07 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: March 11, 2019