October 8, 2018
4:00 p.m.
FS Conference Rm (Rendezvous 301), Meridian 653, Idaho Falls Bennion Room

In Attendance:

Senators
☒ Laura Ahola-Young
☒ James Stoutenborough
☒ Jerry Leffler
☒ Ellen Ryan
☒ Hossein Mousavinezhad
☒ Kenneth Moore
☒ Paul Watkins
☒ John Holmes
☒ Marv Sparrell
☒ Kerry Caspersson A

Ex-Officio:
☒ Joanne Tokle
☐ Paul Watkins (Past Co-Chair)

Guests:
☒ Shannon Kobs
☒ James Skidmore

Open Forum – Tony Forest asked to address Faculty Senate. He stated concern that one of the Faculty Senate Ombudsmen may have conflict of interest. Forest believe your service as both a Faculty Senator and an Ombudsman may be violating the International Ombuds Association standards of practice. Forest feels that Stacey Marshall should vet Faculty Senate Ombudsman. Even more troubling is the possible lack of ethics demonstrated by a co-chair of the Faculty Senate. Forest stated that you shouldn’t be attacking the messenger you should be discussing the message. Forest asks the Senate to show how responsible they are by taking up three courses of action. First, Senate should ask ISU Ombudsman coordinator to be responsible for vetting candidates that the Faculty Senate has chosen. Second, I ask Faculty Senate to consider requesting that the Ombudsman step down. Third, Faculty Senate should consider asking one of the co-chairs to step down if decisions are being made on the senate’s behalf without your input. Mousavinezhad responded that Faculty Senate met during Executive Session and no action was taken. Ahola-Young thanked Forest for talking to Faculty Senate.

I. Welcome and Introductions
Erin Selleneit is the new Administrative Assistance for Faculty Senate. Erin will be working with Connie Tillotson to transition. Faculty Senate thanked Connie for all of her hard work. Joanne Tokle was sitting in for Provost’s Office.

II. Guest Speaker – Shannon Kobs, Director, University Honors Program
Mousavinezhad provided a short bio introduction of Shannon Kobs. Wants to familiarize campus with the honor program and how it works. The Honors Program takes 100 new students each year. The Honors Program will work to let departments know when they have an honors student in their home department. Honors program will be excepting proposals for evening 3391 1 credit course. The teacher will receive a bonus for teaching this class.
III. Faculty Senate Minutes – September 10, 2018
Stoutenborough motion to accept the September 10, 2018 minutes; Anderson seconded.
Motion carried.
ACTION: September 10, 2018 minutes approved

IV. Announcements and Updates
A. Announcements
None

B. Update from ASISU
Schmidt said that Homecoming and the U of I game was great for students. More students are coming out to events but are trying to find ways to keep them at events. Faculty invited to ASISU tailgate event. The alumni vs. ASISU food drive went well, ASISU won. We collected 11,000 cans of food 3,500 went to Benny’s pantry and the rest went to Idaho Food Bank. ASISU is thinking of getting lights on the pillars and will have history plaques telling what happened to Red Hill with lights going up to the pillars.

C. Update from Student Affairs
Clarkson provided information about foster students. 20 percent of foster care children go to college and only 3 percent graduate. At the time foster care children are starting college a lot of them are aging out of the system. Currently ISU has 25 full time foster students going to school and 17 of them are past their first year of school. Of the 17 students 9 of them have a GPA over 3.0. These statistics where surprising and I think this is a great place for students. We need to help foster students transition in their first year.

D. Senate Chairs’ Report
Ahola-Young shared an e-mail from President Satterlee. There is a leadership retreat in October at the Performing Arts Center for all leaders and deans. The Faculty Senate Co-Chairs will be giving a presentation at the retreat. The e-mail has 10 questions that are focused on finding out what the culture at ISU is and how to change the culture. Ahola-Young will forward the e-mail with the questions to all senate members and we will discuss how to move forward. President Satterlee wants all faculty to complete the Employee Engagement Survey. Ahola-Young shared about Dean’s Council meeting. They discussed proposal and review, approval, and discontinuation of programs. Ahola-Young is starting an art on campus committee and asked for names of people to be on the committee.

Mousavineshad shared about Presidents Council meeting on September 20, 2018 and the AAUP and AFT meeting on September 18, 2018. Russell Wahl was voted in as ISU AAUP chapter.

E. Update from Academic Affairs
None

V. New Business
A. Call for Faculty Ombuds
Ahola-Young sent out an e-mail asking for faculty to recommend or volunteer for Ombudsman positions. Jeremy Thomas and Dotty Sammons-Lohse have shown interest. Thomas would step down as senator. Ahola-Young can’t find any process on vetting Faculty Ombudsman. Faculty Senate will request letters from Dean’s and Department Chairs for Ombudsman positions in future and for an Ombudsman that did not provide letters.
B. Call for Faculty Representation for Policy Committee
Academic Conduct policy was sent up without Faculty Senate approval. We are putting together an emergency committee to review the policy.

VI. Continuing Business
A. Constitution Update
Anderson motioned I move that the Faculty Senate adopt the draft Faculty Constitution dated October 1, 2018 as proposed ISU Faculty Constitution and submit this draft for ratification in an all faculty vote and Moore seconded. Motion carried. Ralph motioned and Moore seconded to distributer proposed Faculty Constitution to all faculty. Motion carried. Thackray motioned and Moore seconded to approve to move for an all faculty vote. Motion carried. Ralph motioned and Moore seconded for voting on Faculty Constitution to be held on October 23, 2018, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm mountain standard time and October 24, 2018, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm mountain standard time in person. Absentee voting October 23, 2018, 8:00 am to October 24, 2018, 5:00 pm mountain standard time. Motion carried. Wagoner motioned and Leffler seconded to pass Faculty Constitution according to Robert’s Rule. Motion carried.

B. Results of AAB Nominations
Names sent to President waiting to hear back.

VII. Future Agenda Items
None

VIII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 6:03 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: November 12, 2018