September 24, 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
- Eddie Tatar
- Kenneth Moore
- Phoebe Greene
- Marv Sparrell
- Kerry Cfasperson

**Ex-Officio:**
- Lyle Castle
- Paul Watkins (Past Co-Chair) (Above)

**Guests:**
- Caroline Fauré
- Jim Skidmore

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Open Forum – None

I. Welcome and Introductions
Lyle Castle is attending as ex-officio for the Provost.

II. Guest Speaker – Caroline “Smitty” Fauré, Athletics Advisory Board (AAB) Chair
Fauré provided the AAB’s Annual Report for 2017 to the Faculty Senate and summarized the report. She said the NCAA wants a faculty athletic representative on each campus to ensure that the rules are followed and to protect the student athlete. She serves at the pleasure of the President and is appointed by the President. Three academic advisors are hired to make sure the academic course work is adhering to the NCAA requirements. She discussed APR – the indicator NCAA uses to gauge whether or not the student athlete is meeting the academic requirements. ISU had an overall 987 rating which is an all-time high (930 is the mark to reach to avoid sanctions). Academic awards incentive program will start in 2020. Departments with a 985 or above stand to receive cash pay outs. Big Sky Conference will allocate those on a revenue sharing distribution model. Athletic travel continues to be an issue. Institutions are no longer required to go through the certification process as of 2010. They are expected to provide their own self-review. She asked for the Senators and faculty support to complete a quick survey they plan to send out soon. She’ll share those results with Senate.

III. Faculty Senate Minutes – September 10, 2018
Tabled. Minutes not available. They will forwarded to the Senators for an online vote to approve.

IV. Announcements and Updates
A. Announcements
None

B. Update from ASISU
C. **Update from Student Affairs**
Clarkson did not have anything to report and was not present.

D. **Senate Chairs’ Report**
- **President’s Council** – Ahola-Young attended the meeting. The President will have each of the Vice Presidents work on various projects for their areas. He discussed SBOE and outcomes based funding. A committee will be formed to compile the results from the “one thing” campaign. Advancement has been charged with creating a list of top 10 priorities. Something similar will be done with the other areas. Faculty Senate has several items on the agenda: the Constitution, Policies and Procedures, the Faculty/Staff Handbook, and Program Viability Committee. Policies and Procedures process will be revisited to make sure academic policies are vetted by Faculty Senate as well as making sure they are implemented. The metrics developed by the Committee is vital to the outcomes based funding. They need to have the CoSE faculty representative replaced. It was suggested to have Senator Thackray fill this position.
- **Deans’ Council** – See update from Academic Affairs.
- **IEAC** – will meet on September 25.

E. **Update from Academic Affairs**
Castle provided more information and background on the Program Viability Committee. The intent is not to get rid of programs but to repackaging programs to revitalize them. New programs will be considered.

V. **New Business**

A. **Ombuds**
Cal Edwards has resigned as the Faculty Ombuds. He was appointed earlier this year. Senate needs to replace this position. The International Ombuds Association has a meeting/training in October and the deadline is October 1. Faculty Senate would like to send the new person to the training. Academic Affairs has agreed to cover the travel. The faculty ombuds reports to Faculty Senate. She asked the Senators to talk to their constituent groups to see if anyone is interested. Ahola-Young said she received feedback from some faculty that they were unaware of the Faculty Senate Forum for the constitution discussion. She asked for each Senator to reach out to their constituent groups in their colleges to share information.

B. **Faculty Senate**
Ahola-Young discussed future agenda items for Faculty Senate. She know there are faculty concerns but asked the Senators to communicate with their constituent groups to find out what their concerns may be and whether Faculty Senate can pursue those concerns. Some issues raised were: research funding, workload, policies, travel funds, etc. It was suggested to have the Faculty Senate develop goals for the year and ask for faculty to help set the agenda. It was suggested to have a feedback loop.

VI. **Continuing Business**

A. **Constitution Update**
James Skidmore said there was a soft deadline of September 21 for faculty to submit any feedback on the constitution. They have not received a lot of comments but overall comments have been supportive. The Constitution Committee will meet again to see about incorporating some comments but does not expect it to be substantive changes. The Committee will have a revised draft for possible approval at the next Senate meeting. Open forum was lightly attend but it was a positive meeting. Skidmore asked for feedback from the Senators or suggestions for the constitution. The committee hopes to have a
faculty vote on the constitution before November 13 which is the deadline for the December SBOE agenda. Discussion on the process to conduct the faculty vote. They will look for the ballot boxes that were used for the last faculty vote. Potential to have a one day vote with option for absentee voting. It was proposed to start working on revising the Bylaws so they are based on the constitution.

**ACTION:** Revised draft will be voted on at the October 8 meeting.

**B. Results of AAB Nominations**

Ahola-Young announced there was a tie for both the 4-year and 1-year positions. Senators were asked to submit their vote by tomorrow by 4:00 p.m. Submit your vote or if you do not want to vote, you can abstain.

**VII. Future Agenda Items**

None

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 5:21 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: November 12, 2018