IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

October 14th, 2019
4:00 p.m.
FS Conference Room (Rendezvous 340), Meridian 653, Idaho Falls Bennion Conference Room

In Attendance:

Senators: Jerry Leffler, Jasun Carr, Amanda Zink, Sonja Launspach, James Stoutenborough, Charles Speer, Alex Rose, Amanda Eller, Tania Harden, Curtis Anderson, Colden Baxter, Caryn Evilia, Mike Ellis (In Proxy for Paul Stonaha), Mary Hofle, Ryan Pitcher, John Baker, Phoebe Greene, Christine Hall, James Ralphs, Kathy Eroschenko, Marv Sparrell, Evan Papa,

Ex-Officio Attendees: Laura Woodworth-Ney, Kris Clarkson, Camdon Kay, Laura Ahola-Young

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger

Guests: President Kevin Satterlee, Linda Engle, Katrina Running

Excused: Rick Wagoner, Lucus Christoffersen, John Holmes, Randy Astramovich

Absent but not excused: Justin Lee, S. Hossein Mousavinezhad, Darren Leavitt

Open Forum- None

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Leffler welcomed Senators and guests and introduced Charles Seer, the new Senator the new Administrative Assistant to the Faculty Senate

II. Guest Speaker- Kevin Satterlee- President of Idaho State University- Graduation, Academic Standards for 2.0 and under GPA’s, and the “Temperature” amongst Faculty

A. Satterlee gave a presentation on how commencement will go. He announced a Winter Commencement and a two-part Spring Commencement. All Masters and Doctoral Students will be hooded at all commencements. The goal is to make commencement shorter but a more meaningful experience for all.

Action: Satterlee will look into making regalia more affordable for all.

Alex Rose and James Stoutenborough will sit on Commencement Committee

B. Satterlee expressed concerns regarding wording and definitions in the Academic Standards manual of restrictions and consequences for students with GPA’s of 2.0 and under. He asked that the language be changed within the catalogue.
C. Satterlee is concerned about the “Temperature,” amongst the faculty with the atmosphere, culture and climate within the university. He stressed the importance of working towards a culture of trust, compassion, stability and hope. He will always assume “positive intent,” and hopes the faculty will do the same.

III. Guest Speaker- Linda Engle and Katrina Running- Sustainability Concerns
A. Engle and Running would like a specified sustainability office like the sustainability center at University of Idaho, to be at Idaho State University.
B. Engle and Running gave a presentation on sustainability, provided graphs and charts on emissions and climate change and asked the President to sign the, “American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment.”

IV. Consent Agenda
A. Faculty Senate Minutes September 23, 2019
B. UCC Minutes August 22
C. UCC Minutes August 29
D. UCC Minutes September 5
E. UCC Minutes September 12
F. UCC Minutes October 3
G. FPPC Minutes October 2
H. AAB Bylaws
I. BAS Minutes March 1

It was moved and seconded to approve all minutes and bylaws. Motion carried.

Action: All Minutes and Bylaws approved.

V. Announcements and Updates
A. Announcements- None
B. Update from ASISU
   - Kay said the student senate is in support of green emissions, etc. Students are behind sustainability efforts.
C. Update from Student Affairs
   - Student affairs reported that early intervention for student success is crucial. Paying attention to midterm grade is very important in the process.

   - Student Affairs gave the diversity resource a thumb’s up.
D. Senate Chairs’ Report
   - Leffler reported that he had reached out to the faculty senate chairs of BSU and University of Idaho regarding PERSI, and they reported that it is a dead issue.
   - Leffler reported that the search for General Council has been initiated

   - Leffler reported that a budget update from Glen should be rolling out to the deans within a week or so.
• Leffler reported that the President asked for a culture temperature check within departments and would like to know if we are seeing positive changes on the subject.

**Action** - It was decided to go into Executive Session to discuss that particular matter.

• “Baxter reported that there have been problems with new approach to reporting account status, especially for grants. There has recently been a policy change such that account balances reflect all projected encumbrances. However, the way in which this has been implemented is generating problems because, for example, calculated encumbrances are often inaccurate and there is not a straightforward way to examine current, actual balances.”

**E. Deans’ Council**

i. The state board meeting was announced for this week.

ii. There were policies of note.

1. Program prioritization policy was to occur every 5 years
2. 3S remedial education within the state of Idaho was discussed. The idea is to eliminate the required prerequisites for gateway math courses such as 1143, 1153, and 1123.
3. The applied Baccalaureate degree in math has been approved.
4. The Land Surveying Certificate is on the agenda.
5. They would like to extend the Masters Degree of Occupational Therapy beyond Meridian.

**F. Update from Academic Affairs- nothing of note.**

**VI. New business**

Ahola-Young talked about research and retention. She would like to see more emphasis put on the research that takes place at ISU amongst faculty. Colden brought up the fact that ISU offers many research opportunities to undergrads. This is rare and a real selling point for ISU.

**Action** - Leffler would like to do some research on what we can do to make the research that is done at ISU more visible.

**VII. Continuing Business**

**A. Student Affairs**

A discussion ensued on the need for Faculty who are willing to serve on the Student conduct Board, the Academic Dishonesty Board, and the Scholastic Appeals Board.

**Action** - A letter to be sent to all faculty from the senate seeking volunteers.

**B. Faculty senate seat on the Equity and Inclusion Commission has been filled**

**C. CoSE Election**

i. Hofle explained that the process for elections in CoSE has been set up on Moodle so there will be no conflict of interest.
ii. Leffler noted that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is putting together by-laws as to how to conduct elections.

D. Ex-Officio on councils
   i. Leffler said each council needs a faculty senate representative in an ex-officio capacity.
   
   **Action:** Jason Carr volunteered to be Ex-Officio for The Research Council.
   
   Volunteers still needed for Academic Standards Council and UCC.

***At this point, it was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session. Motion carried***

VIII. Future Agenda Items
   
   A. Minutes for approval
      i. ASC minutes September 13
      ii. FPPC minutes October 16
   
   B. Guests- October 28th, 2019
      i. SOAR (Summer Orientation & Registration) – Brook Barber, Kelly Moor
      ii. Peer Discussion- Selena Grace
      iii. PERSI amongst faculty- Brian Sagendorf
      iv. Budget Review- Glen Nelson
   
   C. Guests- November 11th, 2019
      i. Program Health & Sustainability- Selena Grace
      ii. Faculty Tenure- Kellee J. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Rex Force, and Dr. Woodworth-Nye

IX. Adjournment
   It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m.
   Motion carried.