IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

September 23, 2019
4:00 p.m.
FS Conference Rm (Rendezvous 340), Meridian 680D, Idaho Falls Bennion Room 202B

Senators in Attendance: Richard Wagoner (Chair), Jerry Leffler (Vice Chair), Amanda Zink, Jasun Carr, Sonja Launspach, James Stoutenborough, Justin Lee, Alex Rose, Colden Baxter, Caryn Evilia, Paul Stonah, Mary Hofle, John Baker, Darren Leavitt, Christine Hall, John Holmes, James Ralphs, Randy Astramovich, Marv Sparrell

Excused:
Absent: Amanda Eller, Lucus Christoffersen, Tania Harden, Curtis Anderson, Phoebe Green, Kathy Eroschenko, Evan Papa

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

Guests: Dani Dunstan, Rebecca Robison, Alan Franz, Kellee Kirkpatrick (FPPC Chair), Karen Appleby, Margaret Johnson

Open Forum – None

I. Welcome and Introductions
Wagoner welcomed Senators and guests.

II. Guest Speaker – Karen Appleby & Margaret Johnson - Program for Instructional Effectiveness
Appleby provided a brief presentation of the Program for Instructional Effectiveness (PIE) and a summary of what they do. Johnson provided an update on the PIE Teaching Innovation Grant Program. Appleby will provide Senators with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

ACTION: Appleby will forward her PowerPoint presentation to Tillotson for distribution.

III. Guest Speaker – Selena Grace - Vice Provost - Program Health and Sustainability
Grace presented information/handouts about Program Health and Sustainability at the University and SBOE level. She provided a background on how the draft framework was develop by a subcommittee of Faculty Senate. The Board has proposed a policy for institutions to integrate program prioritization into their strategic planning and budget planning with an emphasis on external demand, quality of outcomes, and costs and other expenses. Discussion on program viability, categories, and quintiles. Grace wanted to know whether Senate wanted to run a beta test or whether they wanted to reconstitute the subcommittee. It was suggested running a beta test and start to collect the data. Senate can review the results in the Spring and determine whether to redefine. Senators will share the document with their constituents.

Grace will share 1) the prior program prioritization framework and associated weightings and the report developed from that framework and 2) collect the quantitative data five-year trends for the data elements. Feedback will be shared at the October 28 meeting.

ACTION: Senators will share the framework with constituents. Selena will provide Senators with prior program prioritization framework/associated weightings and report as well as five-year trends for the data elements. This topic will be discussed again on October 28.
IV. Guest Speakers – Alan Frantz – Interim Vice President – Transfer Credit
Frantz presented information on transfer credits and inconsistencies within the system on how transfer credits are affecting student GPA versus retaking a class at ISU. Baxter moved to refer question to Academic Standards Council (ASC) for review and consideration; seconded by Carr/Leffler. Stoutenborough amended the motion to include the Senate has discussed this as an issue that deserves closer analysis; seconded by Carr. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Transfer Credit issue is referred to ASC as issue that deserves closer analysis.

Discussion on how topics will be vetted by Senate to disseminate to Senate councils. In the future, the FS administrative assistant will attend Senate’ council meetings for continuity as well as an ex-officio Faculty Senate member. The next meeting will include an agenda topic to request an ex-officio member to sit on various councils.

V. Consent Agenda
A. Faculty Senate Minutes September 9, 2019
Stonaha moved to approved the minutes; seconded by Baxter. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** September 9, 2019 minutes approved.

Wagoner has not received the updated AAB Bylaws. They will be on the consent agenda for next meeting.

VI. Announcements and Updates
A. Announcements
   - Wagoner said they have hired a new Administrative Assistant (Ann Medinger). She will start either Friday or next week.
   - Wagoner received an email from Stacey Gibson. She is forming an Executive Committee for an Equity and Inclusion Commission and has requested the appointment of a faculty member/Senator to serve on the Executive Committee. Let Wagoner know if you have an interest in serving or if you think a colleague would be interested in serving on the committee. Wagoner will forward the email message to the Senators.
   - Wagoner discussed the University Library Committee. This committee may fall under the purview of Senate but has not in the past few years. Wagoner will attend the first meeting.

B. Update from ASISU
Kay said ASISU participated in the Raise the Roar campaign. He met with a representative from the New York Times to see if there is an interest to subscribe. Students can pay $1 a week or the University can fund for $5,000. Kay said students not favorable to pay for services they will not use.

C. Update from Student Affairs
Clarkson discussed the need for a larger pool of faculty to serve on the Student Conduct, Academic Dishonesty, and the Scholastic Appeals Boards. Those serving on the Student Conduct Board will also receive training. He is requesting Faculty Senate’s assistance to identify faculty willing to serve on these Board. He will forward information on these Boards to Senate. Clarkson said a revision to Academic Dishonesty Board Policy is being recirculated for a 30-day review.

D. Senate Chair’s Report
   - President’s Council – The meeting was canceled; no updates.
   - Deans’ Council – Meets tomorrow; no updates.

E. Update from Academic Affairs - None
VII. New Business
A. Annual Review Faculty Self-Rating
Frantz discussed the annual faculty evaluation and whether the faculty self-rating section should be eliminated. Senators discussed pros and cons. Senators will discuss with their constituents and bring back feedback to either October 14 or 28 meeting.

B. Senate and Affiliate Council Elections
Wagoner said there have been recent questions regarding the recent elections for Council representation for CoSE. A call for elections for vacant seats was not conducted by all departments to all faculty and an email vote allowed for only a 24-hour time period. The Bylaws indicate that Faculty Senate confirms elections. A discussion by Senators on the process of elections and protocol. Carr moved for Faculty Senate to not confirm the CoSE elections; seconded by Stonaha. Discussion. Carr withdrew his motion. Carr moved for Senate to not confirm the results of the CoSE election from September 11 for the council seats; seconded by Leffler. Motion carried (1 abstention). The CoSE Senators will work to remedy the situation and report back.

**ACTION:** Results of the CoSE elections not confirmed. CoSE Senators will remedy the situation and follow-up with Senate.

VIII. Continuing Business
A. PERSI and Optional Retirement Plan (Leavitt)
Leavitt does not have anything additional to add on this topic. The meeting with TIACRF was not well attended. Wagoner investigated whether additional funds are deducted from faculty’s paycheck. The deduction on the paycheck statement is under the Institution’s obligation and not the faculty. Wagoner suggested he could invite Brian Sagendorf from HR to a future October meeting to provide information. Wagoner hasn’t had the opportunity to contact UI and BSU Senate yet pending decision whether to pursue further.

B. Senate 101
Wagoner said the Senate 101 document needs to be discussed in further detail. Ahola-Young mentioned the cascading emails. The Vice Chair will develop the message and forward to the Executive Committee for dissemination to the Senators. Some Senators did not receive the cascading emails. Stoutenborough recommended a reconstitution of the Bylaws Committee to incorporate Senate 101 into the Bylaws. Wagoner said the Executive Council is reviewing FS Bylaws as well as the Bylaws for the other Councils.

IX. Future Agenda Items

X. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 6:39 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: Approved November 14, 2019