ISU Faculty Senate
Official Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2021 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Location: Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 933 1161 4308
Passcode: 114735

In Attendance: Jasun Carr, Anish Sebastian, David Hachey, Ryan Pitcher, Cory Bennett, Tania Harden, Alex Rose, Tony Forest, Ken Aho, Jerry Leffler, John Holmes, Dan Dale, Darren Leavitt, Chad Yates, Bethany Schultz-Hurst, Mary Hofle, Christy Sabel, Diane Ogiela, Katie Thomas, Phoebe Greene, Kathy Eroschenko, Gesine Hearn, Christine Hall, Jim Stoutenborough, Tyler Jepson, John Baker, David Hachey, Amanda Eller

Absent But Excused:

Absent: Aayush Jha

Ex-Officio: Kellee Kirkpatrick, Laura Woodworth-Ney, Karen Appleby, Dani Dunstan, Craig Chatriand, Rex Force, Blake Christensen, Kevin Satterlee, Joanne Tokle, Lyn Redington, Nitin Srivastava, Karen Hartman

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger

Open Forum: None

1) Announcements
   a) Faculty Senate Bylaws Subcommittee
      i) We are in need of additional volunteers to see this through
         (1) Current Volunteers
            (a) Jim Stoutenborough
            (b) Bethany Schultz-Hurst

2) ASISU Update

3) Student Affairs Update- Craig Chatriand
   a) ASISU Elections coming up
      i) If faculty members are aware of students that they think would be a good fit as a member of ASISU, please refer them to Craig Chatriand

4) Academic Affairs Update
   a) Board meeting
      i) Multi-year contract for Library
      ii) Two new approved programs
         (1) Elementary Education Online
         (2) Teacher Special Education program
5) President's Update- Kevin Satterlee
   a) General Updates
      i) Planning FY 2022 budget process
         (1) Current Governors budget proposal holds us flat- budget-wise- for the upcoming fiscal year
         (2) Biggest budget concerns is offsetting deficits in housing, athletics, etc.
   b) COVID-19 screening program
      i) Varying points of view from everyone regarding this program
      ii) Why we are following through with the screening program
         (1) Universities that have screening programs end up with a fraction of the COVID cases of universities that do not have screening processes
         (2) Due to consultation with national and regional health experts, this is where we are at
      iii) This does not take place of social distancing, face coverings, teleworking, etc. This is in addition to those measures
      iv) These measures are being paid for by Federal stimulus dollars
      v) No decisions have been made in regards to requiring mandatory COVID vaccinations
      vi) Faculty please encourage students to be checking their email for any updates or bumps in the road that come up due to complications in supply or other things that come up.

6) Guest- 
   a) Glen Nelson- reschedule for next meeting
   i) Budget questions and concerns
      (1) Pre-COVID money
         (a) $11.7 million deficit was projected
         (i) Continued enrollment shortfalls
         (b) Approximately $9 million was eliminated due to department budget cuts
         (c) Approximately 100 positions were eliminated
         (d) 2.7 million in reserves were going to be used to help eliminate this deficit
      (2) COVID
         (a) State held back $5 million
            (i) Furlough plan eliminated $2 million
            (ii) $2.7 million was accounted for in a hiring freeze
      (3) Money from CARES
         (a) Received approximately $8 million
            (i) Reimbursed ISU for PPE and other COVID-related expenditures
            (ii) We are spending approximately $1.5 million over what we received in COVID-related expenditures
      (4) Where we are financially for the year
         (a) Expenditures are down, but so is revenue
            (i) Overall revenue is down approximately $3 million
            (ii) New Cares act may help eliminate the $3 million problem
            (iii)Governor is favorable in releasing the Emergency Educational Funds
   b) Karen Hartman
      i) Introduction as the new Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR)
         (1) Hartman introduced herself and explained her duties
         (2) Available positions are faculty positions

7) Consent Agenda- Approved
   a) FS Minutes November 30, 2020
8) Continuing Business
   a) Program Health and Sustainability
      i) Joanne Tokle updated the senate
         (1) New box folders are being set up for viewing materials and reports
         (2) Faculty Senate will have the documents they need by the end of January
         (3) February 19 is the due date for reviews of programs in bottom two quintiles
         (4) A template for feedback will be provided with the information provided, to aid in reviewing
            programs
      ii) A list of senators by college has been created and is available in the box folder for this meeting
      iii) There are approximately 200 programs with about 80 of those falling into the bottom two quintiles for
           Senate to review
      iv) Discussion for how the 80 programs for review will be divided
   b) Letter to release faculty from worry concerning taking advantage of stop-the-clock and other features that
      have been implemented as a result of COVID-19
      i) Form a committee to draft this letter
      ii) Discuss allowing faculty to provide a narrative on their specific case
      iii) Have dean write a form letter saying the candidate has met the criteria for tenure this cycle
      iv) Discussion on this topic ensued
      v) Volunteer to head up drafting this letter
         (1) Reach out to Jerry if you are willing to head up drafting this letter

9) New Business
   a) Nominations for new AAB members
      i) Replace Karen Hartman for one semester only
      ii) Replace Bob Tokle through Spring 2024
      iii) One- year appointment renewable for up to three years
   b) Executive Session- Emeritus Status for Dr. Laura Woodworth-Ney: Tabled until next meeting

ACTION- Rose moved to go into executive session
        Carr Seconded
        Motion carried

ACTION- Rose Motion to exit executive session
        Motion seconded
        Motion carried
        i) If the motion passes, it is with the caveat that the Emeritus Policy must pass and be signed prior to the
           motion becoming official.

ACTION- Rose motioned to adjourn
        Motion carried
        Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm