



FACULTY SENATE 2020-2021

ISU Faculty Senate

Official Minutes

Monday, August 10th, 2020 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom:

In Attendance: : Jerry Leffler, Darren Blagburn, Rex Force, Alexander Rose, Christy Sabel, Justin Lee, Tania Harden, Kathy Eroschenko, Sonja Launspach, Curt Anderson, James Ralphs, Jasun Carr, Caryn Evilia, Amanda Eller, Gesine Hearn, Bethany Schultz Hurst, John Baker, Jim Stoutenborough, Mary Hoffle, Christine Hall, John Holmes, Daniel Dale, Tony Forest, Marvin Sparrell, Darren Leavitt,

Ex-Officio: Laura Woodworth-Ney, Dani Dunstan, Craig Chatriand, Katie Thomas, Blake Beck, Rick Wagoner, Kevin Satterlee, Chris Boyce, Becky Robison, Rosie,

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger

1) Announcements

- a) Jerry Welcomed everyone and announced that this meeting was mostly meant for a question and answer session with the COVID task force.

2) President Satterlee

- a) Fall Plans Brief Overview: ISU is doing its best to be safely open this fall. Has implemented CDC guidelines.
- b) Classroom capacity has been analyzed. More than 6ft spacing within classroom. Some classes moved online or in larger classrooms.
- c) Why offer in person instruction? Proactive and risk mitigation efforts have been implemented. Higher Education has been move to 20% online classes. Many are high flex, meaning many courses with be held both online and in class.

3) Laura Woodworth-Ney

a) Links of importance to faculty, staff, and students

- i) www.isu.edu/roaringback/facecoverings/
- ii) www.isu.edu/roaringback/operational-levels
- iii) www.isu.edu/media/top-level/coronavirus/Face-Coverings Toolkit-for-Faculty.pdf
- iv) www.isu.edu/roaringback/university-business-travel/
- v) <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Welcoming-You-Back-to-Campus.html?soid=1127399030149&aid=Jlz5R30lo9s>
- vi) <https://www.isu.edu/roaringback/faq/faculty-and-instruction-faqs/>
- vii) covid@health.isu.edu

b) Link for Presentation on COVID-19 Info

- i) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mk473PHXLWvY6KFO6fSuHx P7LeGk M1/view?usp=sharing>



FACULTY SENATE 2020-2021

4) Question and answer session

- a) James Ralphs: In-person classes will not be anything like they have been in the past. Did the committee address this?
- President Satterlee- Felt it was not addressed but since students requested it as a necessary factor to get them to return, we accommodated them.
 - Craig Chatriand- It is easy to see how this will work pretty well. Students so far have been respectful of the measures that need to be taken to continue to hold in-class courses. Students appreciate our efforts.
 - Blake Beck- We needed to commit to this path a while ago. In the beginning, the vision may have been obscured, but since we had to plan for this fall, it is what it is. It has been a point of evolution.
 - President Satterlee- There is a chance that if the health situation requires all classes to be moved online, we are prepared to do so.
- b) Jim Stoutenborough: Is there any documentation in regards to the reality of the situation, fact vs. falsehoods, etc. to hand out to students?
- Rex Force- Well referenced sources are sited on the website. Rex has an idea to keep an “evidence-based” Covid page.
 - Jim is interested in the long term health implications that the students simply don’t understand.
- c) Christy Sabel: How does the University define, “travel?”
- Laura Woodworth-Ney defined “travel” in accordance with ISU guidelines. (see ISU guidelines)
 - Katie Thomas- For case-by-case advice, call the COVID-19 hotline and talk to them about guidance for needed travel
(1) COVID-19 HOTLINE: (208) 282-2705
 - Jerry Leffler- Travel to and from Hotspots? Travel to and from hotspots to ISU is highly discouraged.
- d) Jasun Carr- Is anything being done to address high levels of low morale amongst faculty members?
- President Satterlee- This issue is being seen in many sectors of our campus communities. Faculty response to the COVID crisis is very much appreciated. Please convey to your faculty peers the appreciation expressed by Admin for all their efforts. All are impacted and all are feeling the stress of the situation. Please continue in a positive way.
 - Katie Thoomas- Stressed the importance of human connection. Have one-on-one conversations with peers, colleagues, and leadership. Support each other where needed. Find the good and find the connection with one another.
 - Rex Force- There are many resources available in regards to this topic for the students as well.
- e) Alex Rose- If one case shut down the institution in March, what will happen when there is a confirmed case on campus within the next week? What happens if faculty members get sick and can no longer teach their classes?
- Rex Force- The COVID health committee weighs metrics that have been suggested nationally to decide which stage ISU is in for response to COVID. These are looked at EACH WEEK. The scorecards for those metrics decide where we are on a weekly basis.
 - Laura Woodworth-Ney- The department chairs and the dean work together to replace faculty members who are taken ill to the point of no longer being able to teach the courses. In some cases, hiring is done outside of the institution to fill a “hard-to-fill” position.
- f) Kathy Eroschenko- If a student comes down with COVID, do we need documentation to prove they actually have COVID? How will we incorporate the possibility of students or faculty needing to stay home with students balance



FACULTY SENATE 2020-2021

- i) Rex Force- When students have COVID, refer them to the self-reporting page and have them fill out the form required on the page. We do not require “proof,” so to speak. As the state receives positive test results, they let us know when it affects the campus.
- ii) Katie Thomas- When remote work, works, let make it work, wheather it is students or faculty that need to stay home with kids who are required to do school from home.

5) Jerry Leffler

- a) Thanks to all who attended and came to support and help answer questions.

6) Blake Beck

- a) Instructional tools are being distributed for preparing for class next Monday, August 17th.

*****ALL FACULTY ARE ENCOURAGED TO RELEASE THE MOODLE COURSES THIS WEEK SO STUDENTS KNOW WHERE TO GO ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH.*****