



FACULTY SENATE 2022-2023

ISU Faculty Senate

Official Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Shirley Sargent Family Boardroom, Student Union Building, Pocatello Campus

Or join via Zoom:

<https://isu.zoom.us/j/83464862851?pwd=M0VqSERaQjBGZ3A0RFFiY3dWbnRMdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 6486 2851

Passcode: 692492

In Attendance: Dan Dale, Colden Baxter, Dave Bagley, Mikle Ellis, Caryn Evilia, Fredi Giesler, John Holmes, Bethany Schultz-Hurst, Chad Yates

New Senate Members in Attendance or by ZOOM: Elizabeth Fore, Dan LaBrier

Appearing by ZOOM: Ken Aho, Michelle Anderson, Suzanne Beasterfield, Dan Cravens, John Dudgeon, Amanda Eller, Dave Hachey, Gesine Hearn, Spencer Jardine, Barb Mason, Diane Ogiela, Cathy Peppers, Ryan Pitcher, Neelam Sharma

Absent but Excused: Craig Chatriand, Michael Clarke, Rex Force, Duane Rawlings, Nitin Srivastava, Josh Woolstenhulme

Absent:

Ex-Officio/Guests: Jared Barrott, Catherine Black, Marty Blair, Adam Bradford, Jen Forshee, Cynthia Hill, Libby Howe

Ex-Officio/Guests Appearing by ZOOM: Tony Forest, Veronica Garcia, Mary Nies

Recording Secretary: Lisa Hunt

1) Chair Call Meeting to Order/Remarks

2) Reading of Tribal Land Acknowledgement – Mikle Ellis

3) Open Forum

- a) Discussion on the status of the Idaho Falls Campus – Catherine Black
 - (1) Sharp decline in enrollment and morale
 - (2) Faculty are concerned about the programs, their jobs
 - (3) Idaho Falls is still a quality institution but the reputation is falling
 - (4) Students don't feel that they are getting what they signed up for
 - (5) Faculty and students feel like they are not priority, not listened to, not asked for input
 - (6) The community doesn't know what IF offers

4) Approve Today's Meeting Agenda - Approved



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ACTION – Caryn Evilia motioned to amend today’s meeting agenda to include discussion of the Extreme Weather Closures Proposal under ‘New Business’
Mikle Ellis seconded
Motion carried unanimously

5) Faculty Senate Minutes Approval – [March 13, 2023](#) and [March 27, 2023](#)

ACTION – Fredi Giesler motioned to approve FS Minutes from Mar. 13
Caryn Evilia seconded
Motion carried unanimously

ACTION – Fredi Giesler motioned to approve FS Minutes from Mar. 27
Caryn Evilia seconded
Motion carried unanimously

6) Announcements

- a) Bengal Giving Day is April 11-12 - <http://bengalgivingday.com/>
- b) BengalWeb Portal - Jason Carr has agreed to be the faculty rep
- c) Currently soliciting input for the President’s Academic and Research Plan Project Charter – send all comments to Dan Dale
- d) The three finalists for the Director of the University’s Sustainability Programs are here this week
- e) [Information on “Closed Week” policy change is in BOX](#)
- f) [Chair selection processes are in BOX](#)
- g) Sustainability workgroup meets via ZOOM 8:30am the first Tuesday of each month
- h) **Elections - DEADLINE to have the newly elected Senator Names to Lisa Hunt is TODAY and no later!**
 - i) Faculty Senate
 - (1) CAL – total of 5 senators
 - (a) Continuing: Neelam Sharma, John Dudgeon, Fredi Giesler
 - (b) Cycling out: Gesine Hearn and Bethanie Schultz Hurst
 - (c) Need to elect 2 more - New term to end 2026
 - (2) College of Education – total of 2 senators
 - (a) Continuing: Suzanne Beasterfield
 - (b) Cycling out: Amanda Eller
 - (c) Need to elect 1 more - New term to end 2026
 - (3) College of Technology – total of 3 senators
 - (a) Continuing: Duane Rawlings
 - (b) Replacing Michael Clarke – special election – New term to end 2024
 - (c) Cycling out: Ryan Pitcher
 - (d) Need to elect 1 to replace Ryan (plus Michael) - New term to end 2026
 - (4) KDHS – total of 5 senators
 - (a) Continuing: Michelle Anderson, John Holmes
 - (b) Cycling out: Dave Hachey, Diane Ogiela, Chad Yates
 - (c) Need to elect 3 more - New term to end 2026
 - (5) Meridian – total of 2 senators
 - (a) Continuing: none
 - (b) Replacing Josh Woolstenhulme - special election - New term to end 2025
 - (c) Cycling out: Barb Mason



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- (d) Need to elect 1 to replace Barb (plus Josh) - New term to end 2026
- (6) CoSE – total of 4 senators
 - (a) Continuing: Caryn Evilia, Colden Baxter, Ken Aho, Mikle Ellis
 - (b) Cycling out: Dan Dale (will remain as Ex-Officio)
 - (c) No election for Senators is needed
- (7) College of Business – total of 2 senators
 - (a) Continuing: Dan Cravens, Dave Bagley
 - (b) Cycling out: none
 - (c) No election needed
- (8) Library – total of 1 senator
 - (a) Continuing: Spencer Jardine
 - (b) Cycling out: none
 - (c) No election needed
- (9) Idaho Falls – total of 1 senator
 - (a) Continuing: None
 - (b) Replacing Cathy Peppers (retiring) - special election - New term to end 2025
 - (c) Need to elect 1 to replace Cathy - New term to end 2025
- ii) FPPC
 - (1) College of Business
 - (a) Replacing Tesa Stegner - New term to end 2026
 - (2) College of Health
 - (a) Replacing Jared Barrott - New term to end 2026
 - (3) Library
 - (a) Replacing Beth Downing - New term to end 2026
 - (4) Lecturer-At-Large
 - (a) New position per the By-laws - New term to end 2026
- iii) GERC
 - (1) CAL
 - (a) Replacing Erika Fulton - New term to end 2026
 - (2) College of Education
 - (a) Replacing Shu-Yuan Lin - New term to end 2026
 - (3) CoSE
 - (a) Replacing DeWayne Derryberry - New term to end 2026
 - (4) College of Health
 - (a) Replacing Leciél Bono - New term to end 2026
 - (b) Replacing Omotayo Omotowa - special election - New term to end 2025
 - (5) College of Tech
 - (a) Replacing Mike Matussek – special election – New term to end 2025
 - (6) Library
 - (a) Replacing Cathy Gray (retiring) – special election – New term to end 2024
- iv) UCC
 - (1) CAL
 - (a) Replacing Carmen Febles - New term to end 2026
 - (2) CoSE
 - (a) Replacing Janet Loxterman - New term to end 2026
 - (3) College of Technology
 - (a) Replacing Wesley Usyak - New term to end 2026
 - (4) College of Health



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- (a) Replacing LaVona Andrew - New term to end 2026
- v) Research Council
 - (1) College of Pharmacy
 - (a) Replacing Gustavo Gonzalez-Cuevas – New term to end 2026
- vi) Academic Standards Council
 - (1) College of Technology
 - (a) Replacing Tim Leishman - New term to end 2026
 - (2) College of Business
 - (a) Replacing Ruiling Guo - New term to end 2026
- vii) Standing Appeals Panel

7) Consent Agenda (Click links below for documents) - Approved

- a) [FPPC Official Minutes March 15, 2023](#)
- b) [RC Official Minutes March 10, 2023](#)
- c) [DGE Workgroup Minutes March 6, 2023](#)

8) Office for Research Report – Marty Blair

- a) Currently, there are \$36m in research awards and represents 170 active P.I.s
- b) Leadership changes:
 - i) Michele Brumley, Associate VP for Research
 - ii) Chuck Rizzo, Director of Research Integrity and Compliance (Deb Easterly has retired)
 - iii) Mustafa Mashal, Associate Director at the Center for Advanced Energy Studies in IF (CAES)
- c) Looking for ways to improve the capacity of our faculty
 - i) ISU held a grant-writing seminar
 - ii) Several individuals are applying for NSF Career Grants; OR is investing in these proposals
- d) Ensuring FPPC policies are being clarified and easier to understand and to make them easier to adhere to Federal Law
- e) Continuing with Academic and Research Plan
- f) Moving forward as an institution
- g) ISU Research Centers must have students engaged
 - i) The amount of money that contracts and grants have spent in supporting student fellowships and tuition has gone down
 - ii) Student wages for contracts and grants have gone up slightly
- h) Comments about Export Control Policy
 - i) The written policy conforms to Federal Law
 - ii) Interpretation is up to the Export Control Officer
 - iii) Policy's purpose is to protect ISU employees, not hinder their work

9) Provost Update – Adam Bradford

- a) Situation in Idaho Falls
- b) Tenure and promotion
- c) Next steps for our three initiatives
 - i) Evaluations for Deans, Chairs and Faculty
 - ii) Strengthen Ombuds Office
 - iii) Chair selection
- d) Deans' survey



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10) FPPC - Jared Barrott/ Libby Howe

- a) In the last Admin Council meeting two policies were approved
 - i) Academic Freedom Policy
 - ii) Misconduct in Research Policy
- b) Potential approval for three policies in the next Admin Council meeting
 - i) PPR Policy
 - ii) Human Subjects in Research Policy
 - iii) Controlled Substance in Research Policy
- c) Two policies still in 30-day review until Apr. 24
 - i) Transportation Policy
 - ii) Mobile Communications Devices Policy

11) Continuing Business

- a) Policies to approve (**Click link below for document**)
 - i) [ISUPP 7030 General Policy for Animal Use](#)

ACTION – Colden Baxter motioned to remove policy discussion from ‘tabled’
Dave Bagley seconded

(1) Discussion

ACTION – Fredi Giesler motioned to approve the policy
Dave Bagley seconded
Motioned carried unanimously

- b) Athletics Advisory Board – we have one candidate for four-year term, need one more candidate for one-year term
 - i) Motion to approve [Duane Rawlings](#) for four-year term

ACTION- Fredi Giesler motioned to approve Duane Rawlings for four-year term
Dave Bagley seconded
Motioned carried unanimously

- c) Motion to change agenda - move elections update and ratification from 11d to after 12a

ACTION – Colden Baxter motioned to change agenda
Fredi Giesler seconded

- d) Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss appointment of Ombuds and Emeritus Faculty review and approval

ACTION – Colden Baxter motioned to enter Executive Session
Fredi Giesler seconded

ACTION – John Holmes motioned to exit Executive Session
Fredi Giesler seconded



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e) Ombuds appointment (**Click links below for documents**)

- i) [Laura Ahola-Young](#)
- ii) [Jeremy Thomas](#)

ACTION – FS members vote for Ombuds appointment
16 votes for Laura Ahola-Young
1 vote for Jeremy Thomas
0 for none of the above
Laura Ahola-Young is the new Ombuds appointee

12) New Business

a) Emeritus Faculty review and approval (**Click links below for document and file**)

- i) [Emeritus Requests for 2023-2024](#)
- ii) [Emeritus Info for Faculty Senate](#)

ACTION – Colden Baxter motioned to grant the following faculty Emeritus status

CAL – Cathy Peppers, Douglas Warnock, Kathleen Lane and Thomas Pfister
CoB – Jeff Brookman, Richard “Bob” Picard, Tracy Farnsworth and Teri Peterson
CoE – John Fitzpatrick
CoSE – Dave Rogers, Jack Rose and Leonid Hanin
CoT – David Flint and Gerald Holmes

John Holmes seconded
Motion carried unanimously

ACTION – Colden Baxter motioned to reaffirm James Wolper’s Emeritus Faculty status
Dave Bagley seconded
Motion carried unanimously

b) Elections update and ratification of newly elected reps

ACTION – Amanda Eller motioned to ratify and seat the newly elected reps for Faculty Senate

CAL – Samantha Blatt in for Gesine Hearn
CoE – Elaine Foster in for Amanda Eller
CoH – Amanda Henscheid in for Diane Ogiela, Elizabeth Fore in for Chad Yates
Meridian – At-Large – David Hanneman in for Barb Mason, Diane Ogiela in for Josh Woolstenhulme
Idaho Falls – At-Large – Daniel LaBrier in for Cathy Peppers

Fredi Giesler seconded
Motion carried unanimously

ACTION – Fredi Giesler motioned to ratify and seat the newly elected reps for FPPC, UCC and GERC

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Library – Karl Bridges in for Beth Downing

UCC



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CAL – Jessica Winston in for Carmen Febles

CoH – Camille Biorn in for LaVona Andrew

GERC

CAL – Edward Kammerer in for Erika Fulton

Library – Kimberly Miller in for Cathy Gray

Dave Bagley seconded

Motion carried unanimously

ACTION – Fredi Giesler motioned to ratify and seat the newly elected reps for the new Standing Appeals Panel

CAL – Samantha Blatt, Kellee Kirkpatrick and Bethany Schultz-Hurst

Dave Bagley seconded

Motion carried unanimously

c) Nominations for Vice Chair of Faculty Senate for 2023-2024 Academic Year

ACTION – Dave Bagley nominated Fredi Giesler for Vice Chair of Faculty Senate 2023-2024 Academic Year

Colden Baxter seconded

d) [New proposal for extreme weather closures](#)

ACTION – Caryn Evilia motioned to ‘table’ and move proposal to the next FS meeting due to time constraints

Fredi Giesler seconded

Motion carried unanimously

13) Adjournment at 6:22p

14) Next Faculty Senate Meeting – April 24, 2023