

Message from Faculty Senate President, Owen M. McDougal

Many employees on campus ask the question, “What does the Faculty Senate really do?” To answer this question, I have attempted to summarize the work of this past year. The 2009/2010 academic year was wrought with financial turmoil and uncertainty regarding changes to the State Board of Education (SBOE) Governing Policies and Procedures Section: II. Human Resources Policies and Procedures. In the end, the State Board approved amended language to the policy that allows university CEOs (i.e. Presidents) authority over financial matters on their campuses. The extent of this authority was deemed excessive and unregulated by many. The Faculty Senate presidents from across Idaho were able to negotiate for the inclusion of language that requires university presidents to use their authority over financial matters in accordance with “established institutional policy.” The Faculty Financial Affairs committee at Boise State University worked diligently with administrators and university legal counsel to establish an institutional policy that was approved by the Faculty Senate.

A summary of other items is provided in table format below. I would encourage all faculty to make a point to attend at least one Faculty Senate meeting to experience what happens at these meetings. The meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 3:15 p.m. A schedule of meetings can be found on the Faculty Senate web page (<http://academics.boisestate.edu/facultysenate/>) and the podcast, agenda, and meeting minutes are posted following each meeting. The meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Participation on the Faculty Senate is encouraged of all faculty. It is essential that faculty governance represent the opinion of all faculty on campus. While in the end, votes are cast and the majority opinion carries the motion, the value of dissenting views cannot and should not be dismissed. The Senate represents an open forum where faculty have an opportunity to have their concerns heard and have access to administrators that can respond to those concerns. Everyone has an opinion. If you would like yours heard, please consider participating in the Senate. There are openings remaining for this year.

Policy Summary

Policy #	Policy Description	FS Action
7170	Graduate Assistantship Credit Reduction	Approved
4490	Search for and Selection of Deans	Approved
3050	Independent Study/Directed Research	Approved
3130	Academic Grievance (grade/non-grade)	(Approved/pending)
4520	Evaluation of Deans	Approved
4380	Periodic Review of Tenured Faculty	No Action Taken
7000	Position Definitions	Approved
New	Establish a School	Approved
New	Financial Challenge	Approved
3060	Practicum and Internship	Approved

Memoranda, Recommendations, Resolutions

Topic	Description	Action
Peloquin Memorial	Memorandum	Plaque/tree planting
Credit hour reduction	128 to 120 for a BA at BSU	Recommended to Admin.
Health Care Benefit	Resolution to not reduce benefit	Approved
Postdoctoral Fellowship Program	Minority Faculty Pipeline	Approved
Dependent Tuition Benefit	Children to receive tuition benefit	Approved
Furlough plan	How to do furloughs at BSU	Approved
PERSI	Reduction in ORP	Pending
Research compensation	Salary paid from grants	Pending
Constitutions/Bylaws	Rewrite existing documents	Pending

I wish to thank each and every Senator that has participated in the meetings for this past year. Please help me by acknowledging the efforts of your elected Senators as you see them across campus.

Senators AY2009/2010

Alicia Garza - Arts and Letters
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Tom English - Business and Economics
Sandy Gough - Business and Economics
Gary McCain - Business and Economics
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Eric Brown - Natural Sciences
Owen McDougal - Natural Sciences
Troy Rohn - Natural Sciences
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Respectfully submitted,

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