President Rainford called meeting to order at 3:15pm


During roll call, Roy “Butch” Rodenhiser informed the Faculty Senate that he was serving as Sen. Peter Wolheim’s proxy for the foreseeable future, as appointed by Sen. Wolheim. Sen. Rodenhiser is recognized as present to conduct Faculty Senate business.

Presidential Privilege
President Rainford installed Senators Arantza Ugalde, Adjunct Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, and Kendall House, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, as non-voting Senators, in accordance with Article V, Section 1, subsection a (5) and subsection b (2) of the BSU Faculty Constitution.

Minutes
Discussion of minutes from Faculty Senate Meeting conducted on April 22, 2008.

Sen. Kozel identified concerns regarding the recorded summary of Dr. Warner’s report to the senate detailing his empirical work and the University Core Curriculum Committee’s annual report. Sen. Kozel offered the minutes were not accurate. Sen. Kozel will amend the minutes and email it to Pres. Rainford. The amended minutes will be forwarded to all senators for final approval.

- Sen. Gough moved to accept the minutes with the amendments to be sent electronically.
- The motion was seconded by Sen. Pfautsch and carried.

Old Business
At the request of the Senate, the Faculty Senate Grievance Policy has been pulled and will be sent to the Academic Standards Committee for re-review and re-submission.

New Business
Provost Sona Andrews provided the Senate her perspectives about the 2008-09 academic year. During discussion, Prov. Andrews clarified and discussed the previously approved Ombuds position which has been filled by Dr. Rob Anson. The Ombuds’ office will be located in the Interactive Learning Center. The Ombuds’ website and brochures will explain services available to faculty.
Sen. Rodenheiser supports having an Ombuds for students as well as faculty. BSU currently does not have this service available for students.

Provost Andrews identified her goals and objectives for the coming year at BSU as follows:

- Enhancing quality of the undergraduate academic experience.
  - Assessment of learning outcomes
  - Developing capacity for innovation in curriculum
- Enhance decision making tools
- Transition of Larry Selland students, faculty and staff to CWI.
- Increase Faculty Satisfaction
  - Create greater options for faculty career flexibility
  - Increase salaries
  - Faculty workload
  - Progress for Adjuncts
- Enhancing the intellectual life of BSU campus
- Continue to provide good leadership at BSU with Department Chairs and Deans.

The charts Provost Andrews referred to will be attached to the minutes (reference Addendum I, II, and III.

**Discussion**

Hartzel Cobbs and Aileen Hale of Mountain States Group and Kara Brascia of the Center for Teaching and Learning addressed the Senate regarding the New Comer Education Center. They are hoping for collaboration with BSU in order to lease BSU property for the purpose of teaching classes to refugees coming to Idaho. Hale summarized the different programs they are currently using to help the refugees they are working with and the goals of where they want to go in the future.

Dr. Robert McCarl brought up the need for BSU to follow the recommendations of the Campus Climate Report and be aware of how well we have prepared for diversity on campus.

Kara Brascia noted the collaboration between Mountain States Group and BSU would strongly benefit both parties.

Aileen Hale left her contact information for continued discussion and questions regarding this issue.

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**Discussion**

Dr. Said Ahmed –Zaid, Dr. Wanda Viento, and Ms. Ro Parker summarized their perspectives on diversity at BSU.
Dawn Ramirez from the Registrar’s Office gave an overview of the new diversity requirement. BSU has added many new courses for the diversity credit.

President Rainford expressed a desire for the university to move toward having a specialization or emphasis in diversity.

Dr. Said Ahmed-Zaid would like to see more diversity courses above the 300 level.

Wanda Viento reported that the campus overall is not well prepared for diversity. BSU has a responsibility to expose students to multi-culturalism/diversity and there is a lot of work to be done.

Today is Equality Day. Violence against women on BSU campus is extreme and not talked about. LGBT population is under served on campus.

President Rainford views this discussion as the beginning and as opening the door for ongoing dialogue about these issues. He encouraged Senators to contact the presenters for further information about the issues of diversity and take advantage of their position to make proposals to make a change for BSU.

Dr. Robert McCarl noted these issues dig deeply into the fabric of this institution and the faculty has the ability to change that. He believes the administration would respond to pressure from the faculty.

Senator Garza noted that the administration’s response to the campus climate survey along with the survey itself is on the website.

Senator Schakle urged each of the Senators to look up the survey so the Senate can pressure administration to make changes. It has been two years since the survey was completed and few changes have been made.

President Rainford – the Faculty Senate is open to guidance and suggestions from the Women’s Center and Cultural Center.

**Report of the Committees**

Due to time limitations President Rainford suggest the assignment of committees be done by email before the next meeting.

**Senator Rodenheiser motion to adjourn**

**Senator Marker seconded**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimi Eames,
Secretary, BSU Faculty Senate