Boise State University Faculty Senate
September 8, 2009 (3:15 p.m.)
Hatch A - Student Union Building
(APPROVED MINUTES)

Vice President Lynn Lubamersky called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.


**Introductions:** The Faculty Senate was introduced to Kristen Fil, the new Faculty Senate Deputy Secretary. Members of the senate and guests also introduced themselves to one another.

**Memoriam to Jeff Peloquin**

Memorial – **Owen McDougal:** Senator McDougal read aloud a memorial to Dr. Jeff Peloquin, addressing his impressive educational background and significant contributions to both students and the university.

Memorial Tree: A motion was made by Senator Joanne Klein and seconded by Senator Mary Stohr to memorialize the contributions of Dr. Jeffery Peloquin to the faculty, staff, administrators, and students of Boise State University by dedicating a memorial tree and plaque in celebration of his life and work. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. A sheet was sent around asking for donations toward this memorial tree.

Vice President Lynn Lubamersky delivered a presentation to the senate on former President Jeff Peloquin’s contributions to the Senate as President.

**Appointments**

**Deputy Secretary – Kristen Fil:** Vice President Lynn Lubamersky introduced the new Deputy Secretary position to the Senate. The Deputy Secretary will attend Senate meetings, take notes, and type the minutes to be submitted to the Senate Secretary.

**Secretary to the Senate:** Vice President Lynn Lubamersky announced that the Senate would need to elect a member to be the Senate Secretary, someone who is a non-voting member of the faculty. Confusion was expressed by multiple members at the difference between the Deputy Secretary and the Secretary. Lubamersky explained that the Deputy Secretary will take notes and type the minutes, where the Secretary will review and approve those minutes. The constitution will need to be redrafted to reflect the duties of the Secretary, since presently the constitution states it is the Secretary’s duty to take notes.
**Honorary Doctoral Degree Selection Committee:** Senator Saunders explained that members of the Faculty Senate from each colleges/divisions are appointed to serve on the committee and nominate people to honor. Vice President Lubamersky announced that the Honorary Doctorate will be tabled until a new Senate President was elected.

**New Business**

**Podcasting:** Vice President Lubamersky introduced the idea of podcasting each Senate meeting. The Deputy Secretary would record each meeting on an mp3 player, and then upload the file to the web. This would make the content of each meeting available to those who were unable to attend the meeting, as well as to anyone in the community who is interested in the Senate’s agenda.

- Concern was expressed that the podcast would simply be duplicated by the minutes, and that it might erase the need for minutes. Vice President Lubamersky asserted that the podcast would not replace the minutes, but that it would be an additional auditory tool that would make the meeting available to the campus and to others.
- The idea of a possible tracking device on the podcast was suggested to see how many people actually end up viewing/downloading the podcast to see how popular it is.
- It was mentioned that anyone who spoke during the meeting would have to announce themselves before they spoke, so that anyone listening to the podcast would know who was speaking.
- Concern was expressed that recording the meetings might stifle discourse. After discussion, it was decided that the Senate meetings are open and cannot be closed to secrecy, and therefore, podcasting would be allowable. Vice President Lubamersky said that going into executive session is not in the constitution, but if the need arises to put it into policy it can be added to the constitution.
- **Senator Stohr made a motion:** to record the next Faculty Senate meeting and test the procedure. The motion to begin podcasting at the next meeting was seconded by Senator Joanne Klein and passed. Senators Saunders and McDougal opposed the motion.

**State Board of Education Policy Change – Fulltime Status:** Vice President Lubamersky read the policy change in place of Provost Sona Andrews. The policy now reads:

*Credited State Service/Full Time Status – A faculty member employed for an academic year and paid over a twelve-month period will be credited with twelve (12) months of state service. For all benefit status determinations and calculations, faculty members shall be considered full time, year round employees of the employing institution as long as the employee’s teaching, research and service duties are commensurate with the full time faculty work load assignment as defined by the employing institution.*

**Faculty Financial Affairs Report:** Senator McCain spoke on the matter of the financial affairs committee.
Committee Business – Appointing Liaisons

Vice President Lubamersky announced the need for volunteers to fill open liaison positions. Senator Saunders expressed that it was the duty of members of the Senate to fill these positions, and volunteers came forward. The positions filled were:

- Academic Standards – Mary Stohr
- Core Curriculum – David Saunders
- Diversity – Tedd McDonald
- Faculty Professional Standards – Lynn Lubamersky
- Student Affairs – Tom English

Election of Executive Officer

President: Vice President Lynn Lubamersky and Senator Owen McDougal were nominated for President.

- Senator Saunders made a motion to close nominations; motion was seconded by Senator McCain.
- Vice President Lynn Lubamersky withdrew her nomination in support of Senator Owen McDougal for President.
- Senator Owen McDougal was unanimously voted in as Faculty Senate President. There were no abstentions and no objections.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2009.