President Owen McDougal called the Faculty Senate to order at 3:20 p.m.

1) Roll Call:

Present-President Owen McDougal
Senators-Alicia Garza, Tom English, Lynn Lubamersky, Russell Willerton, John Ziker, Troy Rohn, Mary Ann Cahill, Anthony Marker, Eric Brown, Gary McCain, Barbara Allerton, Ed Baker, Scott Lowe, Nader Rafla, Brian Wampler,
Representatives- Jim Stockton, Chase Johnson, Andrew Finstuen
Guests- Alan Virta (for Cheri Folkner), Max Davis-Johnson, and Vice Provost Jim Munger

Agenda Items:

2) Approval of Past Minutes
(a) October 26, 2010

• Motion to address minutes by Senator Ziker. Seconded by Senator Garza.
• Senator McCain: Compensation, programs, incentives, and workload were defined. The intent of the motion made at the October 26, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate to have the Faculty Financial Affairs Committee compile existing faculty compensation and incentive programs at Boise State University was clarified.
• Senator Lowe: Clarified the intent of the Core Curriculum learning objectives.
• Senator Marker moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Senator Allerton. Passed unanimously.

3) Old Business
(a) Emeritus Faculty: Charles Odahl, Sandra Schackel, Sherry McGuire, Otis Kenny, Barbara Kenny

• The deadline for submission of emeritus applications was November 1st. The above individuals were approved and they will be recognized at winter commencement.

4) New Business
(a) Max Davis-Johnson, Associate Vice President Information Technology

• Max Davis-Johnson: Trying to address the following three things: 1) doing more with what we have; 2) focus on core technology because it is the reason students and faculty are attracted to BSU; 3) attention to research technology, online experience, digital library, and IT simplification. Attempts are being made to improve PeopleSoft. Pictures have been added to class rosters as a request by professors to help with exam proctoring and other class activities.
• Senator McCain: We've seen multiple efficiencies at the expense of effectiveness because everyone has different needs.
Senator Rohn: Are Smart Boards an option for classrooms?
Max Davis-Johnson: Not as this moment in time because of the budget.
Senator Allerton: More and more professors are using the testing center making it very difficult for students to use. It would help if there were more resources.
Representative Johnson: The COBE Building will have a lot of new technology. Are any of these going to be brought to other buildings?
Max Davis-Johnson: Many new technologies are being installed around campus to help with things such as printing.
Senator Wampler: Is there any initiative to install internet kill switches in classrooms on campus?
Max Davis-Johnson: Not currently, but it could be possible in the future.

(b) Dependent Tuition Assistance Program Resolution
President McDougall: Will be going to the SBOE meeting in December and would like to read a resolution to the State Board in support of the dependent tuition assistance program if the Senate is in favor of drafting a resolution.

Senator Allerton moved to draft a resolution. Senator Marker seconded.
Senator McCain: If the money for this program is coming out of raises, then the faculty he represents are against it. Concern was expressed from faculty with a domestic partner or that don’t have children that they are excluded from the program. Recommends an eventual expansion of the program to not exclude members of the faculty.
Senator Allerton: Being a member of the faculty who does not have children eligible, I do not feel this is an unfair advantage and I think it's a great opportunity for other faculty.
Senator English: It would be very similar to the policy now in place, only you could substitute the benefits of your spouse for a child. The proposed policy broadens the existing benefit to include an additional member of the family. It is not taking anything away from anyone.
Senator Willerton volunteered to draft the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

(c) Minor Curriculum Adjustments
President McDougall: Making minor curriculum changes is a laborious process because everything must go through the curriculum committee. Is there some way we can streamline minor curriculum changes? Recommend that Curriculum Committee provide a list of curriculum changes that could be exempt from the committee process.
Senator Lubamersky: Perhaps instead of having to attend meetings to explain why courses are not being taught, this could be communicated by email.
Senator Allerton: From past experience, the committee would probably enjoy looking at ways to make the system more effective so they can think about more important issues instead of the minor changes.
Senator McCain: There are many minor items in catalogs that are incorrect (whether classes are Fall or Spring). It would be more effective to send a letter to the Registrar instead of going through the Curriculum Committee. It would be good for the Committee to figure out a way to get these easily changed.
• Senator Marker moved to charge the Curriculum Committee with the task of establishing ways of reducing the administrative overhead for curriculum changes without going through the Curriculum Committee. Senator McCain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

(d) Alternative Academic Calendar Committee (AACC)
• President McDougal: The goal of the committee is to report academic calendar models that could be utilized by BSU in an effort to become a year round university. Senator Cahill volunteered to be the Faculty Senate liaison to the AACC.

(e) Provost's Search Committee
• President McDougal: The members of the committee are Mark Rudin (chair), Melissa Lavitt, Marilyn Moody, Michelle Payne, Darryl Butt, Lisa Dawley, Owen McDougal, Shikhar Sarin, Cindy Clark, Chris Rosenbaum, Max Davis-Johnson, Chase Johnson.

(f) Constitution
• President McDougal: ISU update, the Faculty Senate at ISU voted to hold a vote of confidence/no confidence with respect to President Art Vailas and Provost Gary Olson.
• Academic Freedom
  ◦ Is the constitution the right place for academic freedom?
    • Senator Ziker: It is a good idea to have academic freedom language in the constitution. It will have to be reconciled with the SBOE.
    • Senator Willerton: We need to stake our claim to it rather than let others assume that we have it. This is a good place to include it.
  ◦ Is this the wording we want for academic freedom?
    • Senator Willerton: It says faculty freedom and academic freedom. We need to be consistent with our wording.
    • Senator Lubamersky: It's broadly defined as academic freedom but faculty freedom is more specific to the criticisms of the university.
    • Senator McCain: My suggestion is to change the first to academic freedom and leave the second one as faculty freedom to define it.
    • Senator Ziker: This comes from a website devoted to freedom of speech and is not appropriate. This wording gives faculty the right to say whatever they want without any repercussions.
    • Senator English: If faculty are advocating for things we do not want such as violence, is there any disciplinary action that can be taken or can they say anything they want?
    • Senator Ziker: I have brought alternate wording that would be more appropriate for our needs. This version includes disciplinary action that may be taken if inappropriate things are said.
    • President McDougal: I will email both sets of academic freedom language so the Faculty Senate can compare and give feedback on which language they prefer. The two sets of wording are that approved by the Professional
Standards Committee based on 2010 AAUP language, and that approved by the AAUP in 1940.

- **Senator McCain**: The wording provided by Senator Ziker would protect students from faculty misconduct while still giving faculty protection.

- **Senator Rohn**: We have been working on this since the beginning of the year and we are still in the preamble. I am concerned we will not get this done by the end of the year.

- **Senator Baker**: We need legal guidance after this document is written because none of us are legally trained. They must not be affiliated with the university.

- **Senator McCain moved to hold a special session of the Senate on Tuesday November 30th at 3:15 to address the constitution only. Seconded by Senator Allerton. Passed unanimously.**

  - **Presidential Succession**
    - **President McDougal**: Recommended a presidential succession similar to that of other universities to help incoming presidents be effective in their job from the beginning. This has come about due to the lack of past presidents to train the incoming president. We have relied on the Provost’s Office to provide guidance and this role should reside with the faculty.

  - **Voting Rights**
    - Is the wording correct in the constitution?

  - **Use of the terms college, school, division, and unit**
    - **President McDougal**: It was difficult to determine when the terms were appropriate. Please pay special attention to these as you are reading through the constitution.

(g) **Research Committee**

- **Senator Brown**: The committee is looking at the research culture at university. I sent out questions in hopes that our constituents would give feedback. We asked about the strategies to improve research productivity at BSU, ways to improve research culture/mentoring/climate/rewards on campus, and other issues related to research.

- **President McDougal**: The Research Committee needs to address a reduced FTE program for research faculty. This should be an across the board program and not available to a select few individuals.

5) **Adjournment**

- **Senator Brown moved to adjourn. Senator Wampler seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:56 pm.**