Boise State University Faculty Senate  
March 8, 2011 3:15  
Hatch A/B-Student Union Building  
(DRAFT MINUTES)

President Owen McDougal called the Faculty Senate to order at 3:15 pm.

1) Roll Call: Present-President Owen McDougal; Senators- Anthony Marker, Ed Baker, Alicia Garza, Russell Willerton, Gary McCain, Scott Lowe, Eric Brown, Lynn Lubamersky, Troy Rohn, Nader Rafla, John Ziker, Representative- Jim Stockton; Guests-Shoni Davis, Jim Munger, David Saunders

Agenda Items:
2) Approval of Past Minutes
   (a) February 22, 2011
      • Senator Willerton moved to address minutes. Seconded by Senator McCain.
      • President McDougal: The correction was made that 532 faculty received the email with the ballot for the Constitution.
      • Senator Willerton: On page two, change teachers to faculty members.
      • Motion by approve minutes by Senator Marker. Seconded by Senator Lubamersky. Motion carries unanimously.

3) Old Business
   (a) Constitution (McDougal)
      • President McDougal: Of the 532 eligible faculty members, 242 voted, 202 were in favor of the constitution and 40 voted against it. Therefore, 83% were in favor and 17% were opposed meeting the 2/3 requirement. The Constitution will go to the University administration for approval before going to the State Board of Education. The bylaws will need to be updated next. Recommendation that a Senate retreat have as an agenda item the rewriting of the faculty bylaws.
   (b) ISU Resolution (McDougal)
      • President McDougal: The resolution presented is a rough draft so that we can start conversation and come up with a resolution that everyone will agree with. The intention is to send this to other faculty senates across the state and to have them sign on to it.
      • Senator McCain moved that we send this resolution to the state. Seconded by Senator Ziker.
      • Senator Ziker: I think we need to define why we are writing the resolution in something similar to a preamble.
      • Senator McCain: We might not get as many Faculty Senates to sign off with language like that. I don't think that everything needs a preamble
      • Senator Willerton: Would a more pointed statement or a general statement be better?
      • Senator Rohn: The message was sent to the State Board by the AAUP and we should be careful what we say. We need to let them know that we are
not happy, but we should be careful how we say it.

- **President McDougal:** The AAUP sent a warning letter to Arthur Vailas, President of ISU and the State Board of Idaho, warning of their actions. Vailas then responded to them quoting State Board policy. The AAUP followed up by thanking Vailas for the clarification of the matters in Idaho and that they will launch an investigation.

- **Senator Marker:** If we are drafting the resolution for multiple universities the language should be “we the faculty senates at the institutions of higher education in Idaho.”

- **Senator Willerton:** Is it possible that we could vote on our own resolution and other universities may choose to sign on?

- **Senator McCain:** We should go back to the former wording for the reasons Senator Willerton stated.

- **Resolution:** Resolved, we, the Faculty Senate at Boise State University, do hereby stand in support of faculty rights and responsibilities in governance at Idaho institutions of higher education. We encourage communication, understanding, and cooperation among the officers of Idaho institutions of higher education, faculty and administration alike, so that the orderly development and implementation of educational programs and policies committed to our trust can proceed in the best interests of students and people of the state of Idaho.

- **Motion approved with a majority vote. Senator Baker voted in opposition. Senators Brown, Lubamersky, and Garza abstained. 8-1-3.**

- **President McDougal:** will send the resolution to the other Faculty Senate Chairs prior to sending it to President Westerberg of the Idaho State Board of Education.

(c) **Resolution in opposition to guns on campus**

- **Senator Marker:** Three years ago the same issue was brought up and it was opposed. The Idaho Legislature is now discussing a bill to allow people with concealed weapons permits to carry guns on campus. The Faculty Senate may use the old resolution or form one of their own.

- **Senator Rohn:** Faculty will now have to worry about more than they used to with students with guns on campus. It is a very scary idea.

- **Senator Lubamersky:** Tomorrow faculty testifying before the Senate showing that this is much more serious than it was three years ago so we should look at it in a more serious manner.

- **Senator Baker:** The House has already voted on this. If we want to do something about this, we should act now.

- **Representative Stockton:** Other campuses can prohibit weapons so there is precedent that could be brought up.

- **A resolution was constructed to support Policy 1080 prohibiting deadly weapons on campus.**

- **Resolution:** Resolved, the Boise State University Faculty Senate affirms
our support of university policy 1080 that prohibits firearms and other
dangerous weapons on our campus.

- **Motion approved unanimously. 12-0-0**
- **President McDougal:** will deliver resolution to President Kustra and
Government Relations Director Bruce Newcomb.

4) **New Business**

   (a) **Funds for salary increases (Saunders/McCain)**
   - **Senator McCain moved that we submit the proposal of funds for
     improved faculty and staff compensation to the Office of the Provost
     and University deans. Senator Rohn seconded. Motion passed
     unanimously.**

   (b) **Check terms of office, identify who is up for re-election, notify junior Senator**
   - **President McDougal:** Beginning next year the Senator count will be as
     follows:
     - Arts and Letters-4 Senators, 122 faculty
     - Natural Sciences-2 Senators, 54 faculty
     - Business and Economics-2 Senators, 50 faculty
     - Education-2 Senators, 62 faculty
     - Engineering-2 Senators, 51 faculty
     - Health Sciences-2 Senators, 53 faculty
     - Social Sciences and Public Affairs-3 Senators, 82 faculty
     - Library-1 Senator, 20 faculty
     - Graduate College-2 Senators.
     - At full staff we should have 20 Senators. We currently have 18 Senators.
     Nominations should be solicited by the April 12 Faculty Senate meeting.
     Elections should be held before April 26 with the seating of new Senators
     at the April 26 Senate meeting and election of new Senate Officers.

5) **Committee Business**

- **Research:** Distinguished professor policy will be introduced soon.
- **Professional Standards:** Workload policy will be introduced soon.
- **Diversity:** Postdoctoral policy will be introduced soon.

6) **Adjournment**

- **Senator Brown moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Senator Garza seconded.**
  Motion passed unanimously.