Boise State University Faculty Senate  
April 26, 2011 3:15  
Lookout Room-Student Union Building  
(FINAL MINUTES APPROVED 9/13/11)

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

1) Roll Call: Present-President Owen McDougal, Vice President Gregory Senators-Cheri Folkner, Nader Rafla, Anthony Marker, Gary McCain, Troy Rohn, Russell Willerton, Tom English, Stephen Crowley, John Ziker, Lynn Lubamersky, Barbara Allerton, Scott Lowe, Mary Ann Cahill Representatives- Sarah Tatistcheff, Jim Stockton, Guests- Sharon McGuire, Margie, Mark Hanson, Laura Jones-Petraneck, Chris Collins, Kimber Shaw, Cody Finney

Agenda Items:
2) Approval of Past Minutes  
   (a) April 12, 2011  
   • Motion to approve by Senator Willerton. Seconded by Senator Marker. Motion approved unanimously.

3) Old Business  
   (a) Policy 3130: Grade Appeal  
   • President McDougal: Policy 3130 was split into two, 3130A and 3130B. The first was for the grade appeal process and the second was for academic grievances. 3130A was approved last year. 3130B was to be considered this year but it was changed so much that it was changed to be Policy 3140. This changed 3130 enough that it has to be considered by the Faculty Senate once again.
   • Motion to approve by Senator McCain. Seconded by Senator Marker.
   • Senator Folkner: Composition of the grade appeal board was changed. What was the rationale? Why the professional standards committee and why the ombudsman?
   • Sharon McGuire: They wanted to have consistency between the two policies so that they are identical. The changes are to reflect the grade appeal board. We thought professional standards would be the best to represent topics such as academic freedom and such.
   • Senator Allerton: The timeline is a concern in the beginning phase of the process. “As soon as possible” is not tight enough and could be problematic.
   • Sharon McGuire: Once the form is completed, days start counting down. While it may seem that there is a not a good time line, we have certain guidelines to accommodate every situation.
   • McCain moved to amend the original motion to replace the Professional Standards Chair with the Academic Standards Chair and to erase the Ombudsman to be voted on separately. Seconded by Vice President Gregory.
   • Senator McCain: The Ombudsman is irrelevant to grades.
• **Senator Ziker:** Based on the description, the Academic Standards Committee Chair is more appropriate.

• **Senator Cahill:** If we remove the Ombudsman who is there to support the faculty member, we should also remove the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities who is there to support the student?

• **First motion passes unanimously. Second motion does not carry. (3-11-0)**

• **Motion to approve the policy passes unanimously.**

(b) **Policy 3140: Academic Grievance**

• **Sharon McGuire:** Steps were removed and language was changed to increase clarity.

• **Motion to approve by Senator Marker. Seconded by Senator Allerton. Motion carries unanimously.**

(c) **Constitution**

• **President McDougal:** The president's office delayed presenting it to the SBOE until after the legislature was out of session and because of the Idaho State situation. It will be submitted in June to the SBOE.

4) **New Business**

(a) **Policy 4010**

• **Kimber Shaw:** Advising was noted that it needed improvement. Policies were lacking and had not been reviewed for at least 10 years.

• **Senator Rohn:** There is online reporting in the policy. Is this a new requirement?

• **Kimber Shaw:** Eventually we would like for faculty to use online reporting but this is to mean appropriate advising records.

• **Senator McCain:** This could be a hassle to professors who do a great amount of advising.

• **Senator Lubamersky:** None of the three department chairs I consulted had seen this. Most advising is done through the department chairs therefore this policy should be reviewed by them before we consider it.

• **Vice President Gregory:** Is this policy specifically for professionals with the title of Advisor or for professors who advise?

• **Kimber Shaw:** This addresses all advisors on campus including professors.

• **Senator Marker moved to send these three policies to department chairs before a final decision. Seconded by Senator Ziker.**

• **Motion passes unanimously.**

(d) **Seating of Senators**

• Senator Cahill was replaced by Laura Jones-Patranek from the College of Education. Senator English was replaced by Zeynep Hansen. Senator Marker was replaced by Murali Medidi. Senator Folkner was replaced by Margie Ruppel. Senator Baker was replaced by Jolie Burns. Mark Hanson will be joining the Faculty Senate.

• There are 5 remaining vacancies on the Faculty Senate. Divison of Natural Sciences, Arts and Letters(2), Public Affairs, and the Graduate College have vacancies.
(e) Election of Officers

- Vice President Gregory self nominated as President. Vice President became the President of the Faculty Senate.
- Senator Ziker self nominated as Vice President. Senator Ziker became the Vice President.

6) Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Senator Rohn. Seconded by President Gregory. Motion passed unanimously. 4:33