Present: Stevenson for Aiken (w/o vote), Brandt, Caplan, Chung, Couture (Boise), Crowley (w/o vote), Earl, Folwell, Frey, Hiromoto, Jeffery, Karsky, Mahoney, Miller, Murphy, Nyavor, Qualls, Safaii, Smith, Stauffer, Stoll, Teal, Wolf, Ytreberg (Chair)

Guests: 2 guests

Absent: Aiken (w/o vote), Boschetti, Foster, Godfrey (Coeur d'Alene), Perret

A quorum being present, the Chair opened the meeting at 3:33 p.m. It was moved and seconded (Stoll/Brandt) to approve the minutes of the 2013-2014 Faculty Senate Meeting #26, May 6th 2014. The minutes were approved with no dissents.

It was moved and seconded (Folwell/Frey) to approve the minutes of meeting #1 of the 2014-2015 Faculty Senate, May 6th, 2014. The minutes were approved with no dissents.

The Chair asked for volunteers to serve on the Classroom Facilities Working Group. Senator Stoll volunteered.

The Chair went over a brief list of rules he asked senators to keep in mind during senate meetings this coming year. Senators must raise their hand and be recognized by the chair before speaking. A Senator may not speak on an issue twice until everyone who wishes to speak has spoken once. Senators should always be courteous in all deliberations. Everything that is said is on the record. Votes will be indicated by raising one's hand.

Provost Report: Vice Provost Stevenson noted that the semester was off to a calm start with students getting organized and off to classes. She encouraged members of the Senate to attend the President’s Inauguration (September 19th at 1:25) paying attention to emails covering instructions for the Inauguration. Annual safety week is scheduled for the week of September 15th. The program affects faculty, staff and students and there is a nice array of activities listed at URL: http://www.uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/health-education/i-got-your-back/campus-safety-programs

Annual Report: Senators were asked to review the annual report from last year which summarizes the many actions taken by the 2013-14 Faculty Senate. A question was raised about what it means when a policy fails to achieve Board approval. It was noted that in this particular case the Board had not approved because they were waiting for more information relating to the Focus for the Future plan.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the list of summer graduates. The motion to approve (Wolf/Miller) passed unanimously.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the new Faculty Secretary (Don Crowley) to be Secretary of the Senate per FSH 1520 Article 5, Section 3. He noted that the Faculty Secretary (FSH 1570) and Secretary to the Senate are two separate positions and the motion is to approve Don as the Senate’s secretary. The motion (Smith/Murphy) was approved unanimously.
The Chair asked for volunteers to fill three vacancies on committees. Clinton Jeffery agreed to serve on the Campus Planning Advisory Committee. Liz Brandt agreed to serve on the University Budget and Finance Committee. Annette Folwell agreed to serve on the President’s Athletic Advisory Committee. Thanks to all three Senators for volunteering to fill these important committee positions.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to trying to prioritize the ideas of what to concentrate on this year. The list of ideas provided to Senators came mainly from the Retreat although the Senate Leadership added a few ideas to the list on issues that had been suggested to them by others in the University community.

It was first suggested that Senators vote for their top three choices from the list. After some discussion it was decided that this was too confining and Senators were encouraged to vote for as many items as they wanted. Also, some items from the original list were combined when it appeared that there was significant overlap. The results of this prioritization were as follows:

Votes in parentheses.

1. Career Ladders and Internal Promotion Policies (23)
2. Enrollment issues (19)
3. Talent Management (partner accommodation, faculty evaluations, faculty/staff turnover, treatment of adjuncts, faculty/staff morale) (19)
4. Distance Learning (14)
5. Tuition Benefits for faculty/staff children (13)
6. Compensation issues (concerns about method of distribution, losing staff to other places, adequate compensation at the lower salary end) (12)
7. Academic Freedom Language (10)
8. Expanding site licenses to emeritus professors/honored staff retirees (8)
9. Facilities (how to make the campus look better) (8)
10. Weapons on Campus (questions about syllabus language, information on how to deal with situations) (7)
11. Improvement of research infrastructure (7)
12. Surveillance Cameras (where-why-how) (6)
13. Tobacco Ban Implementation (5)
14. Removing Term Limits on Senators (2)

Throughout this discussion there were concerns raised about how issues were being categorized and whether lumping some things together would cause certain issues to get lost. The Chair assured everyone that the purpose of the process was to allow Senate leaders to get started on who to invite to future meetings. He also stated that issues receiving relatively low support could still be discussed and brought up in future meetings.

A motion to adjourn (Stoll/Miller) was approved and the Senate adjourned at 4:33.

Respectfully submitted,

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