Present: Adekanmbi, Anderson (Mike), Anderson (Miranda), Boschetti, Brandt, Brewick, Cannon (Boise), Caplan, Chung, Crowley (w/o vote), Fisher, Foster, Godfrey (Coeur d'Alene), Hrdlicka, Johnson, Markuson, Morrison, Nicotra, Ostrom (Idaho Falls), Payant, Pregitzer, Vella, Stevenson for Wiencek (w/o vote), Wright. Absent: Barbour, Brown, Donohoe, Folwell, Payant, Sixtos, Wiencek, Wilson. Guests: 6

As a quorum of members slowly trickled in Chair Brandt called meeting #21 to order at 3:33 pm. A motion (Johnson/Miranda Anderson) to approve the minutes from the March 7th meeting passed without objection.

Chair’s Report: The Chair announced that the Women’s Center had received a significant grant for combating violence against women from the Justice Department. As part of this grant, the Women’s Center is seeking to form a community response team to work with community members and law enforcement. They would like a senator to be part of this project. Senators interested in working on this project should contact Professor Brandt. The Chair also reminded senators that elections of new senators need to be completed by April 15th.

Provost’s Report: Vice Provost Stevenson noted that Provost Wiencek was busy gathering feedback from units regarding the program prioritization plan. She also announced that Dr. Ginger Carney had accepted the position as the new Dean of the College of Science. Dr. Carney is from Texas A&M and will be starting in August.

FS-17-052: FSH 1640—Judicial Committees. Professor Hrdlicka, Chair of Committee on Committees (ConC), explained that this change would direct the ConC to give priority to tenured faculty when chairs are appointed for key judicial committees.

The change would recognize that placing an untenured faculty member on these committees has sometimes put untenured faculty in a difficult position. Professor Hrdlicka also pointed out that in the overview of which committees this change would apply to, the Student Appeals Committee (1640.83) was mistakenly left off the list. The Chair noted that this omission would be corrected.

A Senator wondered whether the proposed change had an undemocratic flavor to it by favoring tenured faculty. On the other hand, he also suggested that if committee chairs needed protection shouldn’t it be a requirement that the chair be tenured. The Faculty Secretary commented that untenured faculty were not being excluded from these committees, but that tenured faculty were in a better position to deal with some of the pressures that might arise as chair. The ConC did discuss requiring that the Chair be tenured, but concluded that this might not always be possible. Chair Brandt noted that she was less concerned with whether untenured faculty needed to be protected, but felt that these committees can require immense amounts of time and more senior faculty should step up to take on these roles. One Senator expressed surprise that this requirement didn’t already exist.

The proposal passed with no dissents although there were 2 abstentions.

FS-17-053: FSH 1620—University-Level Committees. Professor Hrdlicka explained this proposed change to the general regulations governing committees. This change to 1620 B-11 would require that instead of taking an attempt to involuntarily remove a faculty member from a standing committee to the Faculty
Senate; such a complaint should be resolved by the Committee on Committees. Professor Hrdlicka explained that the reason for the change is because concerns of this nature would be better resolved in a discrete manner in a small committee. A Senator suggested that the proposal should be amended to allow the faculty member being removed to appeal to the Faculty Senate. This motion to amend (Fisher/Brewick) passed without objection. The amended proposal would now read, “The membership of individual members of standing committees of the university faculty may not be terminated involuntarily except for cause and with the concurrence of the Committee on Committees with the possibility of appeal by the faculty member to the Faculty Senate.” The amended proposal passed without objection.

FS-17-051: Art & Architecture—New Urban Design Program. The Chair introduced Professor Polak to discuss the proposal. She joined us from Boise. Professor Polak explained that this is a proposal for a Certificate in Urban Design at the graduate level. This certificate will be offered in Boise and builds upon existing programs in the college. A question was asked about the requirement of 12 credits for internal admissions and 18 credits for external admissions. Professor Polak stated that students already in the program will have taken some of the required courses. New students will need to take these required courses. The proposal passed unanimously.

FS-17-054: APM 30.12—Acceptable use of Technology Resources and
FS-17-055: APM40.10—University Space. Chair Brandt refreshed the Senate’s memory with regard to reviewing APM’s. Those that Senate Leadership considers to be of significant interest are put on the Senate agenda for communication purposes and comment, even though there is no official vote.

Dan Ewart Vice President of Administration and Infrastructure arrived just in time to discuss these APMs. Vice President Ewart explained that both of these APMs were very out-of-date and thus in need of being updated. It was also desirable to give the University more flexibility in dealing with technology and space concerns on campus. APM 30.12 is aimed at outlining the appropriate uses of UI technology resources and suggests possible misuses. Possible misuses of technology are outlined in section B-2. Mr. Ewart commented that he thought the document was now reasonably complete and thorough. Vice Chair Hrdlicka asked how B-2e fit with the university’s consulting policy? B-2e prohibits the use of technology resources for commercial purposes. Mr. Ewart responded that if the consulting was conducted as part of the faculty member’s university responsibilities, then it was protected. If the consulting was not approved as part of a person’s university responsibilities, then it would be prohibited. After a general discussion, it was agreed that there needed to be some clarification of the interaction between this policy and the consulting policy.

A Senator asked if the university had responsibility for providing leadership when a person uses bad software. Vice President Ewart stated that this was a core part of what IT does and the university will help with problems caused by such things as phishing. However, an employee is responsible for following the policy and if they consistently make errors, they are responsible. The policy is not about punishment, but non-compliance may lead to remedial measures. Mr. Ewart was also asked if the wording in B-2f regarding checking email could be read in an excessively literal way to exclude responding to email. Mr. Ewart indicated that they might be willing to consider a rewording. [N.B. The Faculty Secretary proposed removing two words from B-2f “checking of” to address this concern to which Mr. Ewart agreed.]

With regard to APM 40.10, Vice President Ewart noted that this policy had undergone significant revision. There were inconsistencies between this policy, as it existed, and others. Also, rather than having fragmented responsibility over decisions over space, it was decided that the responsibility over same be listed as the President, or his/her designee. Membership on the Space Advisory Council will be determined
by the President. This APM sought to simplify the space request process. Mr. Ewart assured the Senate that there will be appropriate faculty representation on the Space Advisory Council.

A Senator asked about the allocation of space between teaching and research. Mr. Ewart stated that this was not specifically discussed in this APM, but that consideration of such needs would certainly be part of allocation decisions. Another Senator noted that F&A rates were affected by the amount of space dedicated to research. Vice President Ewart stated this was true, but this was balanced across the university. Chair Brandt commented that there were various other committees that feed into this larger process.

**FS-17-056: APM 45.15—Subawards and Subcontracts.** Chair Brandt introduced Deb Shaver, Director of Sponsored Programs, to discuss this APM. Ms. Shaver explained that this APM required revision to conform to Uniform Guidance. The major change allows a sub-contractor to also capture the full F&A rate. Another change helps smaller entities like non-profits to charge a 10% F&A rate, without going through an elaborate process. A Senator asked what would happen if a lower F&A rate than 10% were negotiated. Ms. Shaver stated that such negotiations would be honored. In response to another question, Ms. Shaver stated that when the UI issues a sub-contract than the F&A rate would be charged on a portion of the sub-contract.

**Adjournment:** With no other business on the agenda, Chair Brandt entertained a motion (Brewick/Foster) to adjourn at 4:25. This motion passed unanimously. Chair Brandt than invited all in attendance to join in a song of Happy Birthday and share a piece of chocolate cake in honor of the 40th birthday of the Vice-Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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