University of Idaho
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
2016-2017 Meeting #22, Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

The Chair called meeting #22 to order at 3:30 pm. A motion (Johnson/Mike Anderson) to approve the minutes from the March 21st meeting passed without objections.

Chair’s Report: Chair Brandt reported that the responses to program prioritization are on the Provost’s website. A small faculty group (Miranda Anderson, Brandt, Crowley, Hrdlicka, and Nicotra) has met to summarize the responses. The report from this group will be sent to the Senate within the next couple of days. The FAC survey on the annual evaluation process has been sent out. Responses to this survey should be returned by April 7th. The “Great Colleges to Work For” survey went out last week. The survey was sent to everyone, but there is reason to believe that it went into “clutter” in many people’s email. So, those who have not received it, please look in the “clutter” folder. The Chair also reminded Senators that it is now time to be conducting elections for next year’s Senate. Current Senators are responsible for setting up and conducting these elections for their college. Election results are due April 15th.

Provost’s Report: Provost Wiencek commented on the process of obtaining feedback on program prioritization. The IPEC is dedicated to taking the feedback seriously with the hope of improving the process. However, he reminded everyone that we do need to launch this process next year. The process will allow us to begin to invest in projects that are high priority. After reviewing the comments, IPEC will issue a final report to be sent to the President. He hinted that UBFC would soon be announcing their recommendations for funding new projects.

FS-17-044: FSH 3520 F-9—Tenure Extension. Vice Chair Hrdlicka stated that this proposed change was initiated by Faculty Senate Leadership and endorsed by Faculty Affairs. He noted that there had been concerns raised about the precise timing for a faculty member to request a tenure extension. The proposed changes are to take out the language in C-2 about the requests occurring “proximate to the events” and to clarify in C-1 that a request must be made by June 1st before the review process begins. It was pointed out the wording “June 1st of the spring semester” was awkward and the words “of the spring semester” should be dropped. This was accepted by the Faculty Secretary as a friendly edit. The wording in C-1 will now read, “The faculty member must request the extension from the Provost in writing by June 1st before the review process begins and must include appropriate documentation of the childbirth, adoption, or other circumstance.” This proposal (as edited) was passed unanimously.

FS-17-057: FSH 1570—Faculty Secretary. Professor Hrdlicka presented this proposed change to FSH 1570 also coming from Faculty Senate Leadership and Faculty Affairs. The changes proposed
will better reflect the actual activities and responsibilities of the Faculty Secretary. He noted that in C-1 there was a slight revision to the nomination process for the Faculty Secretary. The change would make the Faculty Senate Chair (or designee) the chair of the nominating committee. For the current search the President and the Provost have agreed to make Vice-Chair Hrdlicka the chair of the nominating committee. The proposed changes to FSH 1570 passed unanimously.

**FS-17-058 (UCC-17-026a): Science—Statistical Science Graduate Certificate.** The Chair introduced Professor Chris Williams to discuss this proposed certificate. Professor Williams stated that the graduate certificate will be in Data Analytics and represents a collaboration between departments in three colleges, Statistics, Computer Science and Information Systems. The proposal is designed to train students in dealing with big databases and provide them with the ability to access, manage, and make inferences from these databases. The certificate has three required courses and allows students to choose an elective from a list. This certificate is aimed at a student market who do not need a master’s degree, but can use a better background in dealing with large data sets.

In response to a question from a senator, Professor Williams suggested that there were many jobs that desired people with this type of skill. He felt there was a significant demand for this type of program. Several other senators noted that they could see their students wanting a certificate of this nature. Professor Williams suggested that this program might help with collaboration across the university. There was also a short discussion about other courses that might be included as well as a discussion of whether engineering outreach was the best way to offer the courses via distance education. Professor Williams thanked senators for their suggestions indicating they hoped this certificate would generate ideas and he would be happy to receive others. The proposal passed without objection.

**FS-17-059 (UCC-17-035a): Business—PGA Management & Human Resources**  
**FS-17-060 (UCC-17-035b): Business—PGA Golf Management & Business Economics**  
**FS-17-061 (UCC-17-035c): Business—PGA Golf Management & Finance**  
**FS-17-062 (UCC-17-035d): Business—PGA Golf Management & Operations Management**  
**FS-17-063 (UCC-17-035e): Business—PGA Golf Management & Information Systems**

Chair Brandt introduced Professor Jeff Bailey to discuss these proposals. Professor Bailey explained that the PGA Golf Management is accredited by the Professional Golfers Association of America. It has been part of the College of Business program associated with the Marketing major. This proposal would allow students pursuing other majors inside the College of Business, to also take this PGA program. Sixteen schools in the U.S. have this program. This expansion will help accommodate some of the demand for this program and expand it to other college majors.

Professor Bailey explained the asterisk (*) that is attached to these programs. The asterisk states that the PGA requires that a person entering the program have at least a 12 handicap and must be a U.S. citizen to become a PGA member. Professor Bailey clarified that resident aliens could become PGA members. A Senator wondered about the citizenship language and whether language regarding the status of resident aliens should be included. The Faculty Secretary noted that this issue had been discussed at UCC. After an email exchange, the following had been...
offered as a revision. “International students can complete the degree requirements, but membership to the PGA of America requires U.S. Citizenship or Resident Alien status.” A motion (Hrdlicka/Folwell) to substitute this language for the current language in each proposal passed without objection.

A Senator raised a question about how the financial impact part of the curriculum proposal was developed. It appears that rather than discussing possible cost, the explanation suggests that the program might raise additional revenue in the form of increased enrollment. Professor Bailey responded that this appears true and that the anticipated cost of the expansion of the PGA options would be negligible.

A Senator asked whether the PGA options might be considered as a certificate. Professor Bailey thought this was possible, but felt that students were satisfied and that student placement was 100%.

There was a short discussion of whether the requirement for a 12 handicap should be part of the program. Wasn’t it possible for a person to perform many of these jobs, even if they had a disability that kept them from being a good golfer? It was emphasized that this was a PGA requirement, not a University of Idaho requirement. The proposals all passed without objection.

**Faculty Secretary Position:** Vice-Chair Hrdlicka announced that the vacancy announcement for the Faculty Secretary position had just gone out. He urged any Senators interested to apply and to encourage their colleagues to apply. The deadline for applications is April 10th.

A motion (Foster/Folwell) to adjourn passed unanimously at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Crowley, Secretary to the Faculty Senate
and Faculty Secretary