Present: Adekanmbi, Anderson (Mike), Anderson (Miranda), Barbour, Boschetti, Brandt, Brewick, Brown, Cannon (Boise), Caplan, Chung, Crowley (w/o vote), Fisher, Folwell, Godfrey (Coeur d’Alene), Ostrom (Idaho Falls), Hrdlicka, Johnson, Morrison, Sixtos, Vella, Stevenson for Wiencek (w/o vote), Wilson, Wright. Absent: Donohoe, Foster, Markuson, Nicotra, Payant, Pregitzer, Wiencek (w/o vote). Guests: 5

Minutes: The Chair called meeting #25 to order at 3:30 pm. A motion (Morrison/Folwell) to accept the minutes from the April 11th meeting passed without objection.

Chair’s Report: The Chair noted that Senator Lee Ostrom was joining the meeting today in person rather than from Idaho Falls. She raised the possibility that next week’s meeting might be long, if there are a significant number of agenda items that must be passed before the UFM on May 2nd. As a tradeoff, today’s meeting should be short. The list of graduates for the Spring Semester was not attached to the email that was sent to the Senate. The list of graduates can be viewed online. The Chair announced that the end of the year celebration party honoring Faculty Secretary Don Crowley is now scheduled for May 2nd after the UFM. The party will be a potluck dinner at her house starting around 6 pm. More information regarding the party will be forthcoming.

Provost’s Report: Vice Provost Jeanne Stevenson noted that the spring meeting of the SBOE was in Moscow this week. She encouraged faculty and staff to attend the sessions being held in the Pitman Center. On May 1st, the UI is hosting a follow-up visit from the team that conducted the accreditation report two years ago. At this follow-up meeting, the focus will be on how we use data to demonstrate improvements. Next year the accreditation team will make a visit looking at student learning outcomes and assessment. Vice Provost Stevenson stated that the program prioritization process is still being refined. It is still expected that the process will begin to be implemented by July 1st. She expects that there will be some surveys sent to faculty/staff to help determine impact and centrality. Her final announcement was that the Faculty Excellence Awards will be next Tuesday, April 25th. Those who wish to attend should contact her office.

A Senator wondered about the July 1st date for implementing the prioritization process. Most faculty will be gone (or at least not on contract). Vice Provost Stevenson thought the date was due to the start of the fiscal year. Chair Brandt commented that the intention was for the process to be mainly mechanical by July 1st. The need for faculty input should be completed by then. In addition, there will be an opportunity for reflection and refinement after the initial implementation.

Committee on Committees - 2017-2020 Appointments: Chair Brandt noted that the Faculty Secretary’s Office sent out an ASUI list of student appointments to committees to the Senate. She thanked the ASUI for its prompt attention to this. There was one addition to the list. Vice Chair Hrdlicka presented the Committee on Committee’s (ConC) recommendations for committee assignments. The lists (both ASUI and faculty/staff) of committee assignments passed unanimously.

FS-17-074: FSH 1640.90--General Education Assessment Committee. Chair Brandt welcomed Professor Kenton Bird (Director of General Education) to explain proposed changes to the General Education Assessment Committee (GEAC). These proposed changes have been approved by UCGE and the ConC.

Professor Bird explained that A-1 had been changed to reflect the new name for institutional research (Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation). The proposed change to A-2 was made because it was felt
that GEAC’s duties had been drawn too narrowly. The additions of A-2a and A-2b are provided to better define the responsibilities of the committee.

A Senator asked for more detail on how the assessment of the general education courses was conducted. Professor Bird stated that the courses were assessed on how well they met the University’s five learning outcomes. The methods will vary from year-to-year. The Senator asked about providing feedback to those teaching the courses. Professor Bird stated that UCGE has worked with instructors to improve their courses. One method of helping instructors has been hosting a workshop with those who have taught similar courses in the past. The proposal passed unanimously.

**FS-17-075: FSH 1640.20—University Budget & Finance.** Vice Chair Hrdlicka presented this proposal from UBFC, which has received the approval of ConC. The proposal seeks to expand the number of faculty and staff on UBFC. This is in response to the heightened role of UBFC in reviewing and making recommendations on budget proposals. Overall, the proposal increases the number of faculty from seven to eleven and the number of staff from three to five. Professor Hrdlicka acknowledged that this made UBFC a very large committee, but this was the price of having broad representation. A Senator asked if there would be a set time for this committee. It was agreed that this is something that ConC might consider, although Professor Hrdlicka thought that when proposals are being considered it might be necessary to meet for an expanded period of time. A Senator asked what the five vice presidential areas that serves as the basis for determining staff representation meant. The five areas are:

- Provost
- Advancement
- Infrastructure
- Research
- Finance

After a question asking whether the assumption was that the Senate representative would be a faculty member, there was a motion (Brewick/Folwell) to amend the proposal to call for ten faculty members selected by Committee on Committee’s and one representative from the Faculty Senate. This amendment leaves open the possibility that the Senate representative could be either a faculty or a staff member. This amendment passed unanimously.

Professor’s Brandt and Hrdlicka both stressed the growing importance of the committee. The proposal as amended passed unanimously.

**Spring 2017 Graduates.** After a short discussion of the tradition of approving graduates, a motion (Folwell/Brewick) to approve the list of graduates as distributed passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** With no further business on the agenda, a motion (Folwell/Fisher) to adjourn at 4:09 was accepted unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Don Crowley, Secretary to the Faculty Senate  
and Faculty Secretary