

University of Idaho
University Faculty Meeting Minutes
2016-17 Meeting #2, Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Call to Order: Provost and Executive Vice President John Wiencek, standing in for President Staben, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Quorum Count: 78 Faculty members were present (Moscow 61; Boise: 4; Coeur d'Alene: 6; Twin Falls: 2; Idaho Falls: 5). 105 faculty members were required for a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, all items passed by the Faculty Senate are approved and forwarded to the President.

In Memoriam:

Andus Helton

Professor Emeritus of Plant Science
-December 2016-

Robert D. Hook

Reference Librarian Emeritus with rank of Professor
-January 2017-

Edward F. Koester

Extension Professor Emeritus
-January 2017-

Kurt Olsson

Professor of English and Department Chair Emeritus
-February 2017-

Richard Schermerhorn

Professor of Agricultural Economic and Department Head Emeritus
-February 2017-

Provost Wiencek acknowledged the dedicated service of these former colleagues to the university.

Provost Wiencek recognized this year's Senate Chair Elizabeth Brandt to conduct the business portion of the meeting. Chair Brandt noted that without a quorum the items on the agenda would be passed on to the President and become official upon his approval. Even though we cannot take any official action today, we can have a discussion.

FS-17-044: FSH 3520 F-9 - Tenure Extension. This proposal clarifies the procedures for obtaining an extension of the tenure process for pregnancy or health-related reasons. A faculty member asked for clarification on whether a requested extension would be automatically available. Chair Brandt indicated that the extension would be granted unless it was not requested in a timely fashion, or did not contain the supporting information envisioned by the policy.

FS-17-045: FSH 3710 - Leave Policies for All Employees. This change would allow employees to use up all of their paid leave before taking unpaid leave for parenting, or reserve up to 80 hours of paid leave before taking unpaid leave.

FS-17-046: FSH 1640.41 - Faculty and Staff Policy Group and FSH 1640.42 Faculty Affairs. This policy creates a new committee to consider policy changes affecting both staff and faculty. The committee will give a greater voice to staff in the development of such policy.

FS-17-052: FSH 1640 - Judicial Committees. This policy imposes a preference for tenured faculty members to chair judicial committees. Such committees handle thorny matters. The sense was that the protection of tenure could be important to the chair of such committees.

FS-17-053: FSH 1620 - University-level Committees. This revision streamlines the process for considering the removal of a committee member.

FS-17-057: FSH 1570 - Faculty Secretary. This revision clarifies the role and the process for appointment of the Faculty Secretary.

FS-17-074: FSH 1640.90 - General Education Assessment Committee). This revision changes the duties and functions of this relatively new committee to better align with the actual functioning of the committee.

FS-17-075: FSH 1640.20 - University Budget and Finance Committee. The revision increases the size of the committee and seeks to ensure that the committee is more representative of interests across campus.

FS-17-054: APM 30.12 - Acceptable Use of Technology Resources (computer use policy). This change is a clarification and expansion of our technology use policy.

FS-17-055: APM 40.10 - University Space. This change establishes a high-level committee that would provide guidance to the president on major space issues across campus.

FS-17-056: APM 45.15 - Subawards and Subcontracts. This revision brings our policy into compliance with federal expectations for grants.

FS-17-064: APM 45.35 - Unmanned Aircraft Systems. This change brings the UI into compliance with new FAA regulations.

Regarding curriculum changes Chair Brandt indicated that we would take questions on the group of policies as a whole. The curriculum changes are:

FS-17-047 (UCC-17-028a): Civil Engineering to Civil and Environmental Engineering

FS-17-048 (UCC-17-028b): Civil Engineering - Fire Safety Certificate

FS-17-050 (UCC-17-028d): Computer Science in Coeur d'Alene

FS-17-051 (UCC-17-027a): Art & Architecture - New Urban Design Program

FS-17-058 (UCC-17-026a): Science - Statistical Science Graduate Certificate

FS-17-059 (UCC-17-035a): Business - PGA Golf Management: 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

FS-17-065 (UCC-17-033): CLASS - New Sociology/Anthropology Prefix

FS-17-066 (UCC-17-033a): CLASS - Africana Studies minor

FS-17-067 (UCC-17-039a): Education - Basic Math minor

FS-17-068 (UCC-17-027b): Art & Architecture in Boise
FS-17-069 (UCC-17-036a): CNR - Environmental Education and Science Communication name change
FS-17-070 (UCC-17-036b): CNR - New MNR Option
FS-17-071 (UCC-17-038): CNR - Discontinue Restoration Ecology Certificate
FS-17-072 (UCC-17-029): Engineering - New Critical Infrastructure Certificate (approved Faculty Senate on April 25, 2017 following initial announcement of this UFM.)
FS-17-073 (UCC-17-042): Regulation J-3

A faculty member asked for background and rationale on the Art and Architecture proposal to expand in Boise. Chair Brandt called on the interim dean of the College to Art & Architecture, Shauna Corry, who explained that the proposed change is intended to develop an in-house program in Boise. Dean Corry explained the program would take the place of an older collaborative program with BSU that has been discontinued. The proposal is for a two year program. All the courses will be available from UI except Physics (which will be available from the College of Western Idaho). The program will not begin until all approvals are obtained. The college believes this will address some of the needs for architecture education in Boise and will serve as a pipeline for the full program in Moscow.

Provost's Remarks: The Provost first extended President Staben's regrets for being unable to attend the meeting. The President is in Boise meeting with the Governor and other stakeholders regarding the Center for Agriculture Food and the Environment.

The Provost expressed his gratitude to Don Crowley for his service and commitment to the university in his role as Faculty Secretary. He also acknowledged the hard work of Faculty Senate and Staff Council over the past year on issues including market compensation, program prioritization as well as other issues. He also thanked faculty for their continued commitment to the institution.

This year was the first year of implementation of the strategic plan. Program prioritization and cascaded planning were key parts of the implementation process. The initial focus of implementation has been on enrollment and on improving our institutional culture. However, the Provost noted that the university has made headway on all the goals of the plan:

Innovate

- IRIC – open and 75% occupied
- NSF reported expenditures are \$102.5 million as of 2/1/2017
- Office of Research and Economic Development has established a faculty/staff fellows program and five fellows have been identified for 2018
- Equipment and Infrastructure Support Program
- Innovative visualizing science program that grew out of the VIP program in 2016-17

Engage

- Leadership in advancing high school graduates on to post graduate study.
- VIP was focused on the effort to increase the state "go on" rates. 20 proposals were submitted for up to \$300,000 seed funding.
- [7 projects](#) have been selected and were announced for the first time at the meeting.
 1. Increasing the Go-on Rate in Southeast Idaho Through the Nexus of Food, Energy and Water
 2. Idaho Drone League (iDrone) to Improve the Go-on Rate in Idaho: STEM Activities and Education
 3. UIdahoX: Changing Idaho's Perceptions about College to Increase Go-on Rates

4. Build Your Future: Connecting Career Exploration and Higher Education
5. Idaho Go-On Program (I Go)
6. Engage Pre-College Outreach Project
7. Becoming Brave and Bold

Transform

- Enrollment is up for the first time in seven years – 3.7%. This included gains in a first time full time undergraduate enrollment.
- We have reinstated the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program for students from Washington and Oregon.
- We have waived an admissions processing fee which increased applications from Idaho residents.
- The Vandal Success Center has been started to provide a more unified and high quality advising effort aimed at retention and graduation rates.

Cultivate

- We have worked to sustain a culture of listening, communication and transparency including instituting processes such as the University Budget & Finance Committee (UBFC) budget process. The Institutional Planning & Effectiveness Committee (IPEC) and key workgroups comprised of faculty and staff who focused on program prioritization and compensation. These groups have contributed to improved communication and transparency.
- We are following up on the results of the Great Colleges Survey to address concerns.
- Our physical environment is improving over \$75 million in campus construction during the past year.
- The market based compensation process is carefully moving forward. The Provost encouraged faculty and staff to be patient with the process.

The Provost concluded his remarks by saying that the university is in a great position and is taking off toward achieving its goals.

At the conclusion of the Provost's remarks, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth B. Brandt

Incoming Faculty Secretary substituting for outgoing Faculty Secretary Don Crowley.