Call to Order: President M. Duane Nellis called the meeting to order at 3:33pm (Pacific) and welcomed all faculty in Moscow and throughout the state and noted that he looks forward to working with Senate Chair Kenton Bird, Vice-Chair Trish Hartzell and Gail Eckwright, returning secretary to faculty senate. President Nellis then invited Senate Chair Bird to the podium for the quorum count which revealed 109 faculty present, three short of a quorum. Faculty at the Coeur d’Alene, Boise and Idaho Falls Centers and at Twin Falls had a particularly strong showing with 21 total faculty present. Chair Bird pointed out that no business would be conducted at this meeting and therefore, the lack of a quorum would not hinder the proceedings. [NOTE: It was later ascertained that four naval science faculty members were present and had not been counted for the quorum; therefore, it was determined retrospectively that a quorum had been achieved.]

In Memoriam: President Nellis read the names and affiliations of faculty who had passed away since the April 2012 University Faculty Meeting. University of Idaho student Preston Vorhauer [who died Sept. 1, 2012] was also included in the list.

William P. Barnes
Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering
-May 2012-

Rolph Ingermann
Professor Emeritus of Zoology
-May 2012-

William R. Biggam
Professor Emeritus of Industrial Education
Chair Emeritus of Industrial Education
-July 2012-

Robert W. Jones
Professor Emeritus of Geology
-July 2012-

Zaye Chapin
Professor Emerita of Sociology
-April 2012-

John J. Kolar
Research Professor Emeritus of Agronomy
-August 2012-

Lee W. Hamilton
Extension Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Education
-May 2012-

Roderick Sprague III
Professor Emeritus of Anthropology
-August 2012-

Gregory J. Halloran
Associate Professor of Dance

Edward Woolums
Professor Emeritus of Education
-June 2012-
Minutes: President Nellis asked for approval of the minutes from the April 24, 2012, meeting of the University Faculty. It was moved and seconded (Bird, Joyce) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Announcements: President Nellis announced the implementation of a temporary emergency policy regarding financial disclosure for public health service funding. The emergency policy, Financial Conflicts of Interest in Public Health Service Research, was recommended by Jack McIver, Vice-President for Research and Economic Development, and Kent Nelson, University of Idaho General Counsel, in order to comply with federal mandates that went into effect in August 2012. The emergency policy is in effect for 6 months and it is available at: http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/5650.htm

President Nellis then noted that the university is turning the corner in a positive way with the hiring of 47 new faculty. President Nellis invited Provost Baker to the podium to introduce the new faculty. Provost Baker began by noting that President Nellis had very graciously invited all new faculty to dinner at his home at the beginning of the semester, where they had the opportunity to meet one another and begin finding common areas for research and teaching collaborations. Provost Baker next introduced new administrators at the University of Idaho. He then invited each of the deans to the podium in turn to introduce their new faculty. Jeanne Christiansen, Vice-Provost of Academic Affairs, introduced the new members of the Faculty-at-Large, including military science and naval science.

Following the introductions, President Nellis commented that it was great to have so many new faculty joining us at one of the nation’s leading research universities and that the University of Idaho’s long-standing commitment to student success makes us unique in our ability to continue to attract outstanding faculty and students:

- We have 12 new National Merit Scholars enrolled this year, bringing the total number at U-Idaho up to 67. Last year we were ahead of every other university in the northwest (data not yet available for the current academic year).
- First-generation students last year represented 1/3 of the overall University of Idaho enrollment, an impressive figure and very appropriate to a university with a land-grant mission.
- Washington Monthly ranked the University of Idaho as one of the top national universities (of 281 included in the survey). The ratings focused on social mobility made possible by academic programs, research success and service opportunities provided by the universities surveyed. Idaho ranked 65th among the 281 national universities and 37th among the public institutions included in the survey – putting us ahead of Georgetown, Rutgers, Oregon State University, University of Oregon and University of Montana.
- A few examples of the many University of Idaho individual and collective success stories:
  - “Curiosity,” the Mars rover, is now providing information largely due to the data collection and instrumentation work of NASA engineer Matt Braley (U-Idaho,’05).
  - Tom Mueller (U-Idaho,’85), vice-president and engineer at SpaceX, the first non-governmental company to complete the successful launch of a rocket.
  - Alumna Kristin Armstrong (U-Idaho,’95) competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics and returned to Idaho with her 2nd gold medal in cycling.
Professor Craig McGowan, Biological Sciences, conducted research and testing on the carbon prostheses for double-amputee and Olympic competitor Oscar Pistorius (aka “Blade Runner”).

Professor Anne Kern, Curriculum & Instruction, recently was awarded a three-year $1.1 million NSF grant to fund the Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST), Back to the Earth (BTTE) project.

Professor Kevin Van Den Wymelenberg, Architecture and Interior Design, leads the Integrated Design Laboratory (located in Boise), one of the two largest energy efficiency labs in the Northwest.

Professors Mark Warner and Stacey Camp, Sociology & Anthropology, recently led an archaeological dig in Boise’s Basque Block that garnered a large number of fascinating artifacts.

Clinical faculty member Spencer Martin has assumed directorship of the 180-strong marching band, “the sound and pride of Idaho.”

National Jurist magazine ranked U-Idaho’s College of Law 13th nationally among “top law schools” in providing students with clinical opportunities. Other contenders in the rankings were Yale (#1), Stanford (#14) and Harvard (#20).

University of Idaho Library has had a 3rd faculty member selected to participate in the American Library Association’s prestigious Emerging Leaders program.

The annual Hemingway Festival, sponsored by the English Department and CLASS, begins today. U-Idaho’s English Department also publishes the Hemingway Review, the world’s preeminent journal for Hemingway studies.

The purchase of a new $100,000 piano for the Administration Auditorium was made possible through the combined fundraising efforts of President Nellis and Katherine Aiken, dean of the College of Letters and Social Sciences.

Other noteworthy programs and ongoing achievements:

- National Research Council (NRC) ranks the College of Science’s Geography Department among the top 20 geography graduate programs in the country.
- The College of Natural Resources offers more fire science classes than any other U.S. institution, with more than $2 million in grants.
- Agricultural extension and research faculty provide research support to key agricultural industries and last year worked with more than 400,000 people throughout the state.
- The College of Graduate Studies oversees U-Idaho’s McNair Achievement program, funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education, with a mission to increase the participation of low-income, first generation, and underrepresented students in doctoral study.
- CLASS leadership in delivering the general education (core) curriculum.
- Interdisciplinary studies, including Waters of the West and IBEST programs.
- College of Business and Economics nationally recognized and widely admired Integrated Business Curriculum (IBC).

These accomplishments and many others demonstrate the need for critical resources, which our “Inspiring Futures” capital campaign will help support. Pledges and gifts have reached the $166 million figure with the goal of the fundraising campaign $225 million by the end of 2014, the University of Idaho’s 125th anniversary year.

Key goals for this year:

- Stabilize the strategic plan in the context of accreditation through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).
- Move forward with new investments in the University of Idaho, whether through private or state resources.
We began the fiscal year with budget increase from the state after working on a nearly daily basis with the legislature last year.

Number one priority for this year is continued investment in faculty through increases and CEC (change in employee compensation).

- Continue to operationalize initiatives, including developing partnerships, instruction, research and outreach programs with institutions and businesses throughout the U.S.
- Expand WWAMI medical education program from 20 to 25 seats.
- Improve Idaho’s current status as the state with the lowest percentage of students attending college after completing secondary education.
- Continue to develop the College of Law’s (CoL) degree program in Boise by expanding from the current offering of only the 3rd year to include the 2nd year, as well.
- Ongoing commitment to a transformative learning environment by continuing to find ways to integrate dynamic learning activities inside and outside of the classroom.

President Nellis added that all of these goals are tied to the land-grant mission, a mission that was established in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln with the signing of the Morrill Act. The University of Idaho has been accomplishing this vital mission since its inception in 1889 and the University of Idaho continues to play a crucial role in the state: we are faculty of great excellence and our future holds great promise.

U-Idaho continues to investigate athletic conference opportunities and we are presently negotiating with the Big Sky Conference for Olympic sports. We are exploring independent status for 1-2 years for our football program, while considering other options as well.

President Nellis then opened the meeting to questions.

A faculty member asked what the initial enrollment figures look like for this semester? President Nellis responded that the SBOE has changed its official reporting date for enrollment figures to October 15, which ensures a more accurate count. Early numbers show that U-Idaho is up by 31 freshmen, as of first-day figures. The numbers of transfers and graduate students are down, which is disappointing, but with dual enrollment figures, we expect to be up slightly overall from where we were last year.

There being no further questions, President Nellis thanked the faculty for their excellence and their great contributions to the university and noted that he looks forward to working with them this year. He invited the faculty to join him for refreshments in the courtyard adjoining the auditorium.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Z. Eckwright
Faculty Secretary