



FACULTY SENATE 2021-2022

ISU Faculty Senate

Agenda

Monday, January 24, 2022 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://isu.zoom.us/j/93311614308?pwd=OUFrbTBVWng5UUtMTDlIQ2NuQlJOdz09>

Meeting ID: 933 1161 4308

Passcode: 114735

In Attendance: Michael Clarke, Dan Dale, Jasun Carr, Caryn Evilia, Jim Stoutenborough, Neelam Sharma, Mary Hofle, Fredi Giesler, Chad Yates, Tyler Jepson, Paul Yeates, Dan Cravens, Kent Whitaker, Julia Boyle, Ken Aho, Christy Sabel, Michelle Anderson, Darren Leavitt, Diane Ogiela, Gesine Hearn, Duane Rawlings, Ryan Pitcher, Colden Baxter, Dave Bagley

Absent But Excused: David Hachey, Tonia Hardin, Zane Webb

Absent: Suzanne Beasterfield, Cory Bennett, Anish Sebastian,

Ex-Officio: Rex Force, Craig Chatriand, Jeremy Thomas, Karen Appleby, Libby Howe, Jerry Leffler, Cindy Hill, Nitin Srivastava, Jenn Forshee

Recording Secretary: Ann Medinger

Open Forum:

1) Health Committee Update- Rex Force

- a) Over 200 cases of COVID last week in our campus communities
- b) Contact Tracing is still ongoing
 - i) Two more contact tracing groups were added Fall of 2021
- c) Due to the incredible spike in cases, how are we still at level white?
 - i) Health committee does not make this decision
 - ii) This decision goes through Admin Council
 - iii) Options are available for students who need to isolate or quarantine for online courses
- d) Encourage students who have tested positive for COVID to submit the self-report form

2) Announcements

- a) Welcome back, Senators, for Spring Semester 2022
- b) We are happy to welcome
 - i) Paul Yeates who will be filling the seat for Bethany Schultz-Hurst for Spring Semester 2022
 - ii) David Coffland who will be filling the seat for Cory Bennett for Spring Semester 2022
 - iii) The deadline for nominations for Distinguished Faculty, Distinguished Service, and Distinguished Researcher is January 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
 - (1) Very few nominations have been made so far
 - (2) Please take time to nominate those who are deserving
 - (3) Link for nominations: <https://www.isu.edu/academicaffairs/faculty-support/isu-faculty-awards/>

3) ASISU Update- Zane Webb (ASISU VP)

- a) Almost election season



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- i) Asked that faculty start recruiting students to run for ASISU positions
- b) Changes to constitution
 - i) Eliminating the supreme court and moving those positions into the executive branch
 - ii) Must be approved by a senate vote
- c) Started a petition to gauge interest if students would like a sustainability officer here at ISU

4) Student Affairs Update- Craig Chatriand

- a) Searches for new registrar and Title IX coordinator positions will be conducted through Spring Semester 2022

5) Academic Affairs Update- Karen Appleby

- a) Last Wednesday, NWCCU commission hearing was held. Both recommendations made by peer review committee were accepted.
 - i) Soon will receive approval for our accreditation
 - ii) Thank you to everyone who participated in our assessment process
- b) SBOE III.B Academic Freedom and Responsibility Policy
 - i) Will be finally reviewed in February
- c) F & A Work done by Office of Research
 - i) Still working on this and are now setting up individual meetings with college deans
 - ii) Final outcome will be presented at a future FS meeting
- d) Faculty Development Program
 - i) First teaching session is this Friday, January 28, 2022
 - (1) Will be on Zoom and Recorded

6) Policy News- Libby Howe

- a) Clery Act Compliance Policy
 - i) Signed by President Satterlee last week and is now official
- b) Space Allocation Policy
 - i) Currently in 30-day review until February 10th
 - ii) This policy will establish a decision-making authority for allocating space within the University
- c) Can submit feedback on policies to policies@isu.edu
- d) Per the Recommendation out of the English department, the policy for providing Lecturers a longer contract is begin drafted

7) President's Update- Jenn Forshee

- a) President Satterlee is currently at education week in Boise
 - i) Will have more updates for us at our next Faculty Senate Meeting

8) Guests-

- i) Jeremy Thomas- OER presentation
 - (1) Thomas went over the purpose and need for the OER committee
 - (2) OER= Open Educational Resources
 - (3) Priorities
 - (a) Quality educational materials
 - (b) Reduce the cost to students
 - (4) Incentives for Faculty creating OER
 - (a) Stipend
 - (b) Professional development funds



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- (c) Knowledge that efforts would be considered on Annual Evaluation Reports and/or promotion processes
- (5) Recommendations
 - (a) Update class schedule to include OER course markings
 - (b) Create stipend opportunities for OER creation and course development affordability projects
 - (c) Identify courses at ISU with high return on investment for affordability or OER projects
 - (d) Promote the inclusion of OER and affordability work in university Promotion and Tenure guidelines and Annual Evaluation Reports
- (6) Report submission to SBOE May 23, 2022

9) Consent Agenda- Approved

- a) Faculty Senate Official Minutes December 13, 2021
- b) Research Council Minutes December 10, 2021
- c) FPPC Minutes December 1, 2021

10) Continuing Business

11) New Business

- i) Setting Budget Transparency Expectations
 - (1) Current budget priorities
 - (a) No cuts are currently projected
 - (b) Across the board raises for Faculty have been proposed
 - (2) Suggestions for Budget Transparency
 - (a) Departments need to be more transparent to get the ball rolling for transparency for other levels of leadership
 - (i) Allowing faculty to see where money is going and how much is available for extra spending will help faculty to understand where the budget stands
 - (b) Chairs need to understand where funds are coming from and the differences between different budgets
 - (c) Dean's office could come to department meetings to explain the budget differences
 - (i) Budget officers should be a part of these meetings as well
 - (d) Standardized tools across units for conveying budget information would be useful

ACTION- Senators should take this topic to their next meeting with their dean. Take time in the meeting to set expectations with your dean of what budget transparency looks like to the faculty so the Deans have a clear set of expectations.

- ii) Faculty Count for Each College for Spring Elections
 - (1) Do we round up past the half-way mark or just take the first digit.
 - (a) Evilia suggested we round up for number of senators
 - (b) Jepson also supported rounding up
 - (c) Yates is also in favor of adding the rounding up process to the constitution.
 - (i) Carr said doing so would require an amendment to the constitution which is a process that takes some doing.

ACTION- Stoutenborough moved to set the official policy that when allocating senate seats, we round up if Evilia seconded
Stoutenborough withdrew his motion



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(2) Article 5 section 1.B of the Faculty Constitution addresses this. For every 25 faculty members, there is one Senator. If there is a fraction, there is no rounding up. There must be an additional 25 to seat an additional senator.

(3) Verify numbers

ACTION- Senators are tasked to check the exact number of faculty in their department, so that we may move forward with accurate numbers.

(d) See Chart uploaded to box folder for this meeting

(e) At the next meeting, we will come with more accurate numbers and talk more about the possibility of amending the Faculty Constitution.

(i) Leffler suggested that Article 3 section 1.1.A of the bylaws could be changed instead of amending the constitution.

(ii) Stoutenborough suggested that we change the constitution and make the change this way the first time.

12)Adjournment

ACTION- Jepson motioned to adjourn

Evilia seconded

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm