



FACULTY SENATE 2023-2024

ISU Faculty Senate

Official Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Shirley Sargent Family Boardroom, Student Union Building, Pocatello Campus

Or join via Zoom:

<https://isu.zoom.us/j/83068254306?pwd=N2dzWkcyaIFMYlowaXA0cGZDNnBIUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 6825 4306

Passcode: 024808

In Attendance: Colden Baxter, Fredi Giesler, Samantha Blatt, Mikle Ellis, Caryn Evilia, Elaine Foster, John Holmes, Bob Houghton, Spencer Jardine, Michael Kobus, Duane Rawlings, Dave Smith, Amanda Zink

Appearing by ZOOM: Ken Aho, Michelle Anderson, Suzanne Beasterfield, Elizabeth Fore, Amanda Henscheid, Daniel LaBrier, Diane Ogiela, Neelam Sharma, Kristin Van De Griend, Paul Yeates

Absent but Excused: Dave Hanneman

Absent: Dave Bagley

Ex Officio/Guests: Karen Appleby, Adam Bradford, Sacha Johnson, Michael Spall, Joanne Tokle

ZOOM Ex Officio/Guests: Andy Holland, Jena Lords, Mary Nies, Mary Ellen Oesterle, President Wagner, Emma Watts

Excused Absent Ex-Officio/Guests: Dan Dale, Jenn Forshee, Veronica Garcia, Libby Howe

Recording Secretary: Lisa Hunt

1) Chair Call Meeting to Order/Remarks – Colden Baxter – 0:15

2) Reading of Tribal Land Acknowledgement – Spencer Jardine – 0:35

3) Open Forum

4) Announcements - (Click link(s) below for document(s)) – 1:40

- a) The **Teaching and Learning Symposium**, hosted by the College of Education, PIE and the Cultural Events Committee, will be held on Thursday, March 28 from 12:00pm - 4:00pm, in the Rendezvous Building, Suites A, B and C. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jevin West, Co-founder of the new Center for an Informed Public at the University of Washington, focusing on the topic of AI. For more information:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10Kz7o-KlspLUp0Y53RRTB718tQnqxq0mwAMFlcHjCbU/edit>

To RSVP for this event and lunch:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIXg-vlwadDExBKhSksJKfijiIV6UR_uXiruTaR-VA-BM1bA/alreadyresponded



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- b) The **GERC External Review Committee** is meeting this Thursday, March 14 from 2:00pm-3:00pm on ZOOM. GERC is looking for 6-8 faculty members or instructors who teach general education courses to attend this short meeting and give feedback. Senators, please ask your constituents for volunteers! Contact Ann Medinger in Academic Affairs for more information.
- c) Dr. Dave Delehanty will complete his three years as an Ombuds Fall 2024 and we will be seeking his replacement. For information regarding the position and the Ombuds Program more broadly, see the faculty [Ombuds web page](#) and the more detailed [Charter for the program and positions](#). **Nominee packages are due this Friday, March 15.**
- d) **2024 Spring election process begins now! (New terms end in 2027 unless otherwise indicated)**
- i) Faculty Senate
 - (1) CAL – Fine Arts and Humanities
 - (a) Replacing Neelam Sharma
 - (2) CAL – Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - (a) Replacing Fredi Giesler (as a voting member, as Fredi will be FS Chair)
 - (3) College of Business
 - (a) Replacing Dave Bagley
 - (4) College of Education
 - (a) Replacing Suzanne Beasterfield
 - (5) College of Health
 - (a) Replacing Michelle Anderson
 - (6) CoSE – Biology, Chemistry or Geo Sciences
 - (a) Replacing Ken Aho
 - (b) Replacing Colden Baxter
 - (7) College of Technology
 - (a) Replacing Duane Rawlings
 - (b) Replacing Dave Smith
 - ii) Academic Standards Council
 - (1) College of Health
 - (a) Replacing Susan Belliston
 - (2) CoSE
 - (a) Replacing Carrie Bottenberg
 - iii) Faculty Professional Policies Council
 - (1) CAL
 - (a) Replacing Mike Roche
 - (2) College of Education
 - (a) Replacing Corey Bartle
 - (3) CoSE
 - (a) Replacing Tony Forest
 - (4) College of Technology
 - (a) Replacing Mona Doan
 - iv) Research Council
 - (1) CAL – Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - (a) Replacing Steven Lawyer
 - (2) College of Education
 - (a) Replacing Shu-Yuan Lin



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- (3) CoSE – Biology, Chemistry, or Geosciences
 - (a) Replacing Donna Delparte
- (4) Library or Museum
 - (a) Replacing Jenny Semenza
- v) Standing Appeals Panel
 - (a) College of Business – 1 rep
 - (b) College of Health – 1 rep
- vi) Undergraduate Curriculum Council
 - (1) CAL – Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - (a) Replacing Ines Jindra
 - (2) College of Pharmacy
 - (a) Replacing Erin Berry
 - (3) CoSE – Math, Engineering, Physics, or Computer Science
 - (a) Replacing Randa Kress
 - (4) Library
 - (a) Replacing Ben Bolin
- vii) General Education Requirements Committee
 - (1) College of Business
 - (a) Replacing Joanne Tokle
 - (2) KDHS
 - (a) Replacing Jonathon Gaddy - special election – new term to end 2026
 - (b) Replacing Tayo Omotowa
 - (3) Library or Student Success Center
 - (a) Replacing Ben Bolin
- viii) AAB
 - (1) 1 Rep for 2024-2028
 - (2) Replacing Jason Pilarski – special election – new term to end 2026

5) Approve Today's Meeting Agenda – March 11, 2024 – 6:00

- a) Agenda revised – President Wagner Report added as item number eight and the CANVAS Transition Report moved up to item number ten

ACTION - Fredi Giesler motioned to amend today's meeting agenda
Bob Houghton seconded
Motion carried unanimously

6) Consent Agenda – Approve council or committee actions/decisions (Click link(s) below for document(s)) – 7:45

- a) [ASC Official Minutes February 16, 2024](#)
- b) [BAS Committee Minutes November 16, 2023](#)
- c) [FPPC Official Minutes February 14, 2024](#)
- d) [GERC Minutes February 13, 2024](#)

- e) Discussion

ACTION – Bob Houghton motioned to accept the Consent Agenda items



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Fredi Giesler seconded
Motion carried unanimously

7) ASISU President Report – Emma Watts – 11:15

- a) ASISU election results
- b) Added four senators to ASISU - colleges now have two ASISU Senators each

8) ISU President Robert Wagner Report – 14:00

- a) Higher Ed Week at the State Legislature - institution presidents appeared before the Legislature and committees to report on the commitments to student experience, access and collaboration and impact of successful retention
- b) ISU has largest number of academic programs eligible for the Idaho LAUNCH program
- c) Telework bill impacting state agencies and remote work was halted and will not continue
- d) U of I president spoke about the purchase of University of Phoenix
 - i) Legislature expressed concerns
 - ii) The Attorney General sued the SBOE and is now appealing the ruling
 - iii) Impact to higher education
- e) Attended SBOE meeting and met institution presidents
 - i) Discussion of Policy 3Z
- f) Went with the federal delegation from Idaho to Washington DC
 - i) Met with Idaho members of Congress
 - ii) Cybersecurity line-item sponsored by Simpson with delegating ISU as the primary recipient and U of I as the secondary recipient
 - iii) Met with State Department – international agreements related to research agenda of ISU
- g) Met with Friends of ISU and Foundation Board Members
- h) Sent out memo about Bold Path Forward initiative to employees, scheduled listening sessions

9) Interim Provost/Office of Academic Affairs Report - Adam Bradford – 36:55

- a) Discussion of a proposal to the State Legislature and the SBOE by the U of I President to add a College of Health Sciences and other health programs and the impact to ISU
- b) PowerPoint presentation of SBOE 3Z Policy

10) CANVAS Transition Team Report – Sacha Johnson and Michael Spall, ETS, ITRC – 58:25

- a) Please send feedback from faculty to: itrc@isu.edu
- b) Transition town hall meeting set for Mar. 26
- c) Implementation date will be Fall 2025
- d) Support available from the ITRC
 - i) Providing link to CANVAS transition website with training, resources and FAQs
 - ii) Faculty can request 'Sandbox' courses to test it
 - iii) Workshops, appointments and presentations will be available
 - iv) Partnering with instructional design and technology grad students to assist
- e) Moodle will continue for a set amount of time for ISU to completely transition to CANVAS

~~11) Policy updates – Libby Howe – absent~~

12) GERC Report and Q & A – Joanne Tokle – 1:17:05



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- a) Program review will be completed by the end of this semester – did a self-study and a review committee working on a report
- b) Conducting reviews for Objectives 3 and 4
- c) Updating and streamlining templates for ease of use
- d) Annual assessment reports were due November 1 – will be providing feedback to departments about the reports
- e) First Gen Education Teaching Award this year with input from GERC
- f) Feedback to GERC on incentivizing submitting assessment reports on time
- g) Mid-cycle campus visit from NWCCU set for October

13) Continuing Business – 1:26:30

- a) By-laws Work Group update
 - i) Drafting new language to align with FS Constitution
 - ii) Proposed bylaw update may be ready as early as Apr. 1
 - iii) Streamlining the voting process - working with Jared Bartle in ITS
 - iv) Voting process will be conducted through the MyISU App
- b) Open discussion and feedback to the Evaluation Improvement Work Group following the call for input that occurred in the previous FS meeting
 - i) Teacher evaluations should not be based solely by student evaluations of courses but through the use of multiple sources including student evals with guidelines on interpretation, peer teaching and materials evals, evidence of engagement and teaching activities, guided self evals etc.
- c) The continuation of work groups for 2024-2025
 - i) Decision to keep ad hoc work groups – Sustainability, Non-tenure Track Faculty, DGE etc. for the next FS year

14) FPPC updates – Andy Holland – 1:54:55

- a) Feedback on draft of Faculty Student Relationships Policy
- b) Suggestions on Ethics Policy from Adam Bradford, waiting on suggestions from Blake Christensen
- c) Still working on Tenure and Promotion Policy, not ready yet – FS feedback
- d) Still working on Academic Integrity Policy, still in the early stages

15) New Business – 1:57:00

- a) Budget Advisory Group update
 - i) Endorsement of Neil Tocher serving on the main budget committee, and Justin Wood and Steve Byers serving on the administration sub-committee
- b) Emeritus Faculty Executive Session review and vote (**Click links below for file/document**)
 - i) [Memo for Emeritus Requests for 2024-2025](#)
 - ii) [Emeritus Requests Info for Faculty Senate](#)

ACTION – Bob Houghton motioned to enter Executive Session
Caryn Evilia seconded
Motion carried unanimously

iii) Discussion

ACTION – John Holmes motioned to exit Executive Session
Bob Houghton seconded



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Motion carried unanimously

ACTION – Bob Houghton motioned to bundle nominees into one unanimous vote and to recommend granting all candidates Emeritus status

Amanda Zink seconded

Motion carried unanimously

ACTION – Bob Houghton motioned to endorse Neil Tocher, Justin Wood and Steven Byers to the Budget Advisory Group and the Administrative Cost Work Group

Mikle Ellis seconded

Motion carried unanimously

16) Adjournment – 6:35p

ACTION – Amanda Zink motioned to adjourn

John Holmes seconded