



**Professional Staff Organization
Meeting Minutes from
June 25, 2009**
(Revised and Resubmitted per 9/17/09 meeting)

Introductory Business:

Thirteen PSO members attended the June meeting and end-of-year social held at Kiwanis Park. All enjoyed the sub sandwiches, beverages, and ice cream treats provided by PSO.

(General Announcements section removed per motion at 9/17/09 meeting.)

Old Business & Committee Reports:

Minutes from the March meeting were unanimously approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Balance at the end of May was \$1,767.09. Lori is waiting for the close of FY09 financial reports (sometime in mid-July) to have a final report.

The Treasury Committee revised the original budget proposal to include only two categories: Operations and Professional Development. The committee recommends a minimum \$300 carryover each fiscal year and that each new PSO administration will take responsibility for the yearly budget. A move to accept the recommendations was made by Tim Cole, seconded by Traci Birdsell, and approved unanimously.

PSO Officers for FY10 are: Dawn Byers, Chair; Celeste McCormick, Vice-Chair; Carolyn Quintero, Secretary/Treasurer; and Julie Crea, Digital Communications Officer.

New Business

The out-going PSO officers and certain committee members were recognized for their year of service to the organization.

Dawn Byers reported on the following items from President's Council:

- ITIG (Idaho Technology Incentive Grant) awards were given to Rad-Tech program, Social Science, and Social Work.
- LCSC is collaborating with ISU & BSU on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for better student health insurance rates. The budget approved by the governor includes an increase to student health insurance, so the three institutions are working together to hopefully have a better insurance plan. A new policy will be forthcoming in FY10.
- The artist of the "Sacajawea: Arduous Journey" succumbed to cancer, but her family is allowing the statue to be installed in front of the new Nursing & Health Science Building. Fundraising efforts so far have garnered \$15,000; donations and questions should be sent to Lori Skelton in the Development Office.
- Non-degree-seeking students can now enroll for up to 11 credits. The limit was formerly 7 credits.
- The accreditation report is in its final stages. The team will be on campus October 5-7.
- The State of Idaho has decided to pro-rate health insurance benefits for state employees who work part-time (36 hours or less). The state will only pay a percentage, and the employee must pay the remainder. LCSC will try to help our part-time employees by looking at ways to increase hours if possible
- The Residence Halls are full and actually over capacity! Two floors in Talkington Hall have been renovated for additional housing.
- Capital projects forthcoming: elevator in T-Hall, repaving of SGC parking lot, and demolition of 4th Street houses for new parking lot.
- No reports of swine flu on campus.

Next PSO meeting will be held in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruddell