

**LCSC Faculty Association**  
**August 30, 2012, 3:15p**  
**Williams Conference Center**  
**Approved Minutes (Approved 11-29-12)**

1. Call to Order by Brian Fannesbeck 3:18pm

Financial Aid Attendance

Laura Hughes addressed the faculty regarding attendance records for financial aid. By Friday 4pm (5<sup>th</sup> day) instructors need to report all students attending class at least once in the first week. Next Friday (Sept 7<sup>th</sup>) only confirm for those missing in the first week. This will ensure that students can receive their funds before late fees are applied.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of 4/26/12 minutes
- b. Treasury Report (as of 8/27/12)
  - i. Faculty Association \$2,470
  - ii. Benevolence \$2,689

Alex Bezzerides moved to approve the consent agenda this was seconded by Rhett Diessner, there was no further discussion. All voted in favor; the consent agenda was approved.

3. Voting

- a. Voting for Faculty Senate Secretary: nominee Wendy Shuttleworth

Chris Riggs made a motion to approve this nomination which was seconded by Randy Erickson, there was no further discussion, all voted in favor. Wendy Shuttleworth will continue as secretary for a third and final year.

- b. Voting for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect: nominee Ed Miller

Chris Riggs made a motion to approve this nomination which was seconded by Jenni Light. There was no further discussion. Upon voting there was one abstention with the rest of the attendees voting in favor. Ed Miller will serve as Chair Elect.

- c. Nominations/voting committee membership

Hearing board nominee: Nina Peterson

There was a move to approve this nomination from Matt Johnston seconded by Brian Dietal there was no further discussion, all in voted in favor. Nina Peterson will serve.

4. Regular Agenda

a. President's Report

Tony Fernandez addressed the faculty saying that the emphasis for the coming year will be to identify ways of increasing student success. These topics will be addressed in the five year and Strategic Plan. The President stressed that we will not be lowering academic standards to meet these goals.

b. Provost's Report

Carmen Simone addressed the faculty telling all present that the discussion of General Education is continuing at the State Level. The other big news item is the remediation discussion; there will be changes statewide.

The year three report of NUCCU will be due next fall.

The Provost addressed the process of filling the Academic Dean position. The Provost told faculty that last year was difficult with the position vacant. The Strategic Planning Committee addressed the role of this position; one suggestion was a two dean model, another model was to put more of the dean duties onto the division chairs while providing more support at the division level. It was not clear which model was preferential or whether the one dean model should prevail. Over the summer it became apparent that someone needed to be in that position; hence the focus on an internal candidate. The Provost noted that there is a policy allowing a waiver for a search if there is a limited pool or an ideal internal fit; this waiver was utilized.

c. Dean for Academic Programs Report

Brian Foncesbeck greeted Mary Flores as the new Dean of Academic Programs. Mary Flores stressed that the ongoing review of General Education will be passed through the Senate and General Education Committee for faculty input.

d. Chair's Report

Brian Foncesbeck noted that the State Board meeting was "interesting". It should be noted that ISU is still without a Faculty Senate; the previous hand-picked Senate was recently disbanded. There are some clarifications in our constitution that need to be addressed but we will be careful as to how we forward them to the SBOE.

The following three items need to be addressed this year:

- improved communication between administration/faculty/senate

- constitutional changes

- tracking changes that are made at committee level and follow through.

Committee Membership: membership is not complete for the coming year. Divisions are encouraged to determine their representatives ASAP and to contact Brian or Lynne Bidwell with that information.

5. New Business

a. Benevolence Committee Report (Teri Rust)

Teri Rust addressed the Faculty Association with an overview of the roles of the Benevolence Committee which gives assistance to help faculty members during tough times. Currently there are 25 members donating. Please help: forms are available on payroll deduction. Two additional members are required on to this committee: nominees are Samantha Franklin and Eleanor Downey. There was a move to approve these nominees from Rhett Diessner, seconded from the floor, there was no further discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. MLK request (Chris Riggs)

Chris Riggs addressed the Faculty Association regarding the MLK and Idaho Human Rights day which will take place Jan 21<sup>st</sup> on campus. This is an all volunteer group funded by donations. Chris is requesting financial support to the tune of \$525 (the same as last year). Move to approve from Rhett Diessner, seconded by Laura Earles, there was no further discussion. All voted in favor; the motion carries.

6. Good of the Order

Laura Earles asked if the policy changes for the Sabbatical policies were implemented. The Provost responded that these are approved and will be made available ASAP.

Wendy Shuttleworth asked about the limited smoking initiative that the students brought before Senate, PSO & CSO last semester. The President responded saying this is still with Administration.

7. Next meetings (Faculty Senate, Sept. 6, 3:15p, SUB 143)

Laura Earles moved to adjourn, seconded by Jenni Light. There was no further discussion and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

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