

- I. The December 16, 2015 meeting of the University Senate was **called to order** at 3:07 pm. (Collins)
- II. **Roll Call** - Present: Abrams, Alvares, Chang, Collins, Curnutt, Jonathan Cutler, Fails, Ficke (representative), Field, Fleming, Friedman (Isaacs), Gardin, Gaynor, Gingerich (Bonato), Jacobson, Kelton, Lal, Mengara, Misra, Murray, Noonan, Nurse, Oosting, Parashar, Pennington, Sadowsky, Trubatch, and Wolfson.
- III. **Approval of November 18, 2015 minutes** –motion passed
- IV. **Good News/Announcements**
 - a. Senator Fails has accepted a position at Boise State. Thank you for your service to the Senate and additional committees. We will need two representatives to the Academic Technology Committee.
 - b. Please encourage your colleagues to submit proposals to the Emerging Learning Design conference.
- V. **Elections Committee Report**
 - a. Welcome to Laura Field, the newly elected Clinical/Instructional Specialist Representative.
 - b. OIT needs to provide someone to run the EVS system for next semester’s election.
- VI. **Motion to Amend 1995 Constitution**
 - a. We continued to speak on Motion 5: Senator Mengara moved that: “The Constitution Committee be given formal existence in the Constitution of the University Senate and, therefore, be formerly created as proposed, and the Committee on Committees and the Nominating Committee be dissolved, and many of their functions/duties be remanded to the Constitution Committee and the Elections Committee as proposed and redefined in the amended ARTICLE III, Section E.5., ARTICLE IV, Sections C.2., C.3., and C.4., new ARTICLE VII (old ARTICLE VIII), new ARTICLE VIII (old ARTICLE IX), and new ARTICLE IX (old ARTICLE X).” Senator Alvares seconded the motion.
 - b. Language in new Article IX about the Elections Committee, was discussed. Senator Wolfson proposed a friendly amendment: that number 10 of Article IX section A should be moved to section B, and the language should be changed to: “The Elections Committee shall provide an electronic copy of, or Web Link/URL to the Constitution [and bylaws]...” removing the language of “current, operative.” Senator Mengara accepted the friendly amendment.
 - c. In new Article IX, Section C, President Collins suggested changing part 4 from March 31 to April 30 because Senator Alvares stated that elections are rarely complete by March 31. Senator Mengara accepted. Language about runoff procedures will be in the bylaws.
 - d. It was determined that the Elections and Constitution Committees should work together to establish a procedures manual for the election process.
 - e. The question was raised as to how bylaws will be developed. President Collins stated that the current bylaws are a list of standing and advisory committees with charges and membership. It would make sense for the Constitution Committee to present something to the Senate spelling out procedures.
 - f. A vote was taken on Motion 5. The motion passed with 18 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.
 - g. Motion 6 was read: “Given the various language updates and the expansive nature of the proposed changes to the Constitution of the University Senate, the Constitution Committee moves that the voting members of the Senate approve the restructuring of the Constitution as proposed, including:
 - i. The addition of a “Section F” under “ARTICLE IX (old ARTICLE X) that will more explicitly govern the election of the Executive Board of the University Senate;
 - ii. The amendment/addition of an “ARTICLE XII” that will more explicitly govern amendments to the Constitution;

- iii. The addition of a “Section D” under ARTICLE X (old ARTICLE XI) that would provide for a more coherent process for seating new Senators while, at the same time, allowing for a more operational transition between the outgoing Senate and the incoming Senate;
 - iv. The various adjustments to the language and structure of the Constitution to accommodate the proposed amendments, including the suppression or updating of obsolete content under ARTICLE I, ARTICLE II, Sections A and C, ARTICLE III, Sections A.1., A.2, B, C, ARTICLE IV, Sections C.2., C.3, and c.4., ARTICLE VI, ARTICLE VI, old ARTICLE VII (suppressed), new ARTICLE VII (old ARTICLE VIII), Sections A and B, new ARTICLE VIII (old ARTICLE IX), Sections A-D, new ARTICLE IX (old ARTICLE X), Sections A-G, new ARTICLE X (old ARTICLE XI), Sections A, C, and D, new Article XI (old (ARTICLE XII), Section B, and new ARTICLE XII.
 - h. New Section F in New Article IX was discussed. There was debate as to whether the eboard should be elected during the first part of the May meeting (by the old Senate) or during the second part of the May meeting (when the new Senate is convened). There was concern that with the new later date for elections, senators would not have enough time to declare their candidacy for the eboard. There was concern that perhaps not all vacant positions would have someone running. It was suggested that there be a date by which current eboard members need to state whether or not they will be running for another term. Some Senators felt that others would be unwilling to run if they felt the position was contested, or the current person in that position would be running again.
 - i. A friendly amendment was made to item 5 of Section F: “Candidacies and nominations shall be by written petition, bearing the name and signature of each candidate or nominee, submitted to the Elections Committee no later than May 1. All subsequent nominations shall be brought forth from the floor during the first organizational meeting.” This omitted language about a 1000-word rationale, and that the date should be 25 days prior to the organizational meeting. It also clarified that it is the *first* organizational meeting of the Senate. The Constitution Committee accepted the friendly amendment. Time then expired for the Constitution conversation.
- VII. **Report from Administration** – Dr. Gingerich was at a conference, but associate provosts were present to answer questions.
- a. Senator Trubatch requested a response to the resolution on Canvas Course Integrity. President Collins stated that the Provost will give a formal response.
 - b. Senator Trubatch raised concerns about the new Financial Management System, specifically pertinent to Ledger 3 and Ledger 5 accounts. Dr. Bonato acknowledged that there are problems and they are putting together a more comprehensive report about where we are and where we are going. Vice President Fleming stated that greater capabilities will be rolling out in January, and training classes will be scheduled.
 - c. Vice President Pennington described the impetus for President Cole’s statement on discrimination. She mentioned concerns from a variety of students across campus about incidents that may have been discriminatory. We wanted to reinforce the message of the strong sense of community on campus. The Bias Response Task Force is a group of faculty and staff that can meet with various constituents to share information and bring information back to the administration to plan a response. Dean Gary will be speaking with President Collins in more detail about this.
 - d. Dr. Pennington stated that the emergency plan is undergoing final revisions. The active shooter annex is complete. Matt Gallup is preparing a calendar for the spring with multiple times during the semester for people to come for training. He would like to visit with the Senate again.
 - e. Senator Wolfson stated that the BOT will be approving a BA in Arabic Studies, which puts us in a select group of universities.
- VIII. **Academic Affairs Council Report** (Cutler) Please review the draft of our proposed document on Student Rights Within Instructional Context for discussion at the next meeting

- IX. **Administrative Affairs Council Report** (Kelton) – By a vote of 5-1, the Administrative Affairs Council has decided to take up the issue of pedestrian safety, as proposed by Senator Trubatch. The proposed idea under discussion is a "need to consider pedestrian and automobile circulation on campus overall, including efforts to minimize the need for pedestrian crossings of busy roads, which is both hazardous for the pedestrians and an impediment to vehicle traffic flow."
- X. **Student Affairs Council Report** (Allen) – no report
- XI. **NAL Report** (Trubatch) –
- a. All issues regarding negotiable items (primarily office hours) that had arisen in the revision the Student Rights and Responsibilities in the Student Handbook have been resolved;
 - b. In adoption of the recommendation of the tobacco-free task-force report, there was clarity that the Senate recommendation neither included nor implied any recommendation regarding enforcement of the policy for University employees as these relate to terms and conditions of work.
- XII. **New Business** – no issues brought forward
- a. No issues from constituencies, at-large, or voices from the community
 - b. President Collins requested that we review the statement on Campus Civility to see if any revisions are needed and if we should distribute to the campus again.
- XIII. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Sadowsky, University Senate Recording Secretary
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