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MEMORANDUM

To: Francesca Sammarruca, Faculty Secretary 2019-2020
Terry Grieb, Faculty Senate Chair 2019-2020

From: John Wiencek, Acting President

Subject: Presidential action on Item 36 of May 2019 UFM

Date: June 27, 2019

As a follow-up to the memo, President Chuck Staben sent to Faculty Senate on May 24, 2019, I am amending the list of actions in that memo to include item 36. President Staben took no action on FS-19-070: Plus/Minus Grading prior to his last day as President of the University of Idaho on June 15, 2019. I am taking action on that item in my role as Acting President.

I have decided to disapprove the proposed change to the University of Idaho Catalog, which would include a new plus/minus grading scale. Although I realize there is significant support for this proposal among the faculty, reasonable arguments have also been made on the opposite side of the issue. In particular, ASUI leadership and many students have expressed significant concerns and reservations with the issue and are not supportive of the proposed change at this time.

I appreciate the Teaching & Advising Committee's careful work and I think this proposal could be enacted in the future with stronger support from both faculty and students. Further, I encourage involving our Office of the Registrar in such work to address the implementation challenges involved to ensure equitable treatment of our students and faculty.




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TO: Francesca Sammarruca, Faculty Secretary 2019-2020
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FROM: Chuck Staben, President 

SUBJECT: University Faculty Meeting (May 1, 2019)

DATE: May 24, 2019

In response to your memo of May 2, 2019, and pursuant to *Faculty-Staff Handbook* (FSH) section 1420, I hereby approve the following items presented to me from the above referenced University Faculty Meeting as follows:

APPROVED WITHOUT COMMENT:

Faculty-Staff Handbook:

1. FS-19-024: FSH 1640.46 – Arts Committee
2. FS-19-052: FSH 3730 – Retirement Privileges and Programs
3. FS-19-053: FSH 3340 – Performance Evaluation of Staff Employees (see APM 50.21 below)
4. FS-19-058: FSH 1640.91 – UCC Structure Change add Law
5. FS-19-062: FSH 1640.08 – Admissions Committee
6. FS-19-063: FSH 3320 C – Administrator Evaluation
7. FS-19-064: FSH 3720 – Sabbatical Leave
8. FS-19-067: FSH 1520 – Constitution of the University Faculty
9. FS-19-068: FSH 1566 – Appointment to Faculty Status
10. FS-19-071: FSH 1570 – Secretary of the Faculty
11. FS-19-072: FSH 1520 – Constitution of the University Faculty (received 2/3rd vote)
12. FS-19-073: FSH 1580 – Bylaws of Faculty Senate (received majority vote)
13. FS-19-075: FSH 1640.41 – Faculty/Staff Policy Group
14. FS-19-076: FSH 1640.28 – Committee on Committees
15. FS-19-077: FSH 1640.42 – Faculty Affairs
16. FS-19-078: FSH 1460 – University-wide Policy Development Statement and Process
17. FS-19-080: FSH 3420 – Faculty Salaries
18. FS-19-082: FSH 1640.22 – Campus Planning

19. FS-19-083: FSH 1640.40 – Instructional Space Committee
20. FS-19-084: FSH 1640.90 – General Education Assessment Committee
21. FS-19-087: FSH 4700 – General Responsibilities of Instructors
22. FS-19-088: FSH 1640.12 – Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

APPROVED WITH COMMENT:

Administrative Procedures Manual:

23. FS-19-029: APM 45.05 – Early Setup and Advance Funding of Sponsored Project Budgets
24. FS-19-030: APM 45.06 – Allowable and Unallowable Sponsored Project Expenditures
25. FS-19-031: APM 45.08 – Cost Sharing (Match) on Sponsored Projects
26. FS-19-032: APM 45.09 – Effort Reporting and Personnel Activity Reports (PARs) FS-19-033: APM 45.10 – Facilities and Administrative (Indirect) Rate
27. FS-19-034: APM 45.11 – Notice of Grant Awards Ending
28. FS-19-035: APM 45.12 – Sponsored Project Closeout and Recordkeeping Responsibilities
29. FS-19-036: APM 45.13 – Program Income on Sponsored Projects
30. FS-19-037: APM 45.14 – Sponsored Projects Changes Requiring Prior Approval from Sponsor
31. FS-19-038: APM 45.22 – Eligibility, Competency and Administrative Effort Requirements for Principal Investigators, Co-Principal Investigators, and/or Project Directors
32. FS-19-054: APM 50.21 – Documenting & Addressing Unsatisfactory Performance of Classified Staff
33. FS-19-085: APM 30.15 – Password Policy
34. FS-19-086: APM 30.07 – User Provided Software
35. FS-19-089: APM 45.01 – Animal Care and Use

As to items numbered 23 through 35 above, I indicate my approval to the extent not already granted and necessary, noting that changes to the Administrative Procedures Manual do not require the approval of the Faculty Senate or the General Faculty. Many, if not all, of the above may have already been approved and become effective. My indication of approval on this date does not affect any prior approval or prior effective date.

NO ACTION TAKEN:

Proposed Changes to the University of Idaho Catalog

36. FS-19-070: Plus/Minus Grading

As to item numbered 36 above, I take no action at this time and leave approval or disapproval pending. In the event, I take no action approving or disapproving this item prior to the end of my term as President (on June 15, 2019), this matter will remain pending for consideration by the Executive Vice President/Provost pursuant to FSH 1420 A-2,a.