

**February 7, 2005
President's Cabinet
Bishop Barnwell Room
2:00pm
SUMMARY OF ACTION**

I. University Policies: Final Reading

A. Centers & Institutes (new)

This policy was presented for first reading in December 2004. Two suggested changes were received since that time. One is softened language regarding involvement of faculty in more than one discipline, and the other is an added requirement that there be an external review of all centers/institutes every five years. The sponsors stated that they don't agree with the need for the second change, but have included it for discussion purposes.

There was consensus from the cabinet to keep the original wording regarding external reviews as "should" instead of "shall." It was noted that there should still be reviews periodically so that we can discontinue centers/programs, etc. that are no longer viable regardless of not requiring them within a certain time period.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the policy for final reading as presented with the change indicated above.

B. Cost Sharing (new)

This policy was presented for first reading in December 2004. No changes have been made since first reading.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the policy as presented.

II. 2005/2006 Holiday Schedule

The 2005/2006 Holiday schedule was presented, which includes closing most University offices during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. It was noted that there will be a number of exceptions for departments and other places that need to be open, as well as faculty who will need to access offices, the Library, SUB, Athletics, etc. The idea behind the closing is to benefit employees who want to and can take advantage of the week off.

There was general consensus to move forward with the 2005/2006 Holiday schedule as presented.

III. Summer Schedule

Due to complaints from departments as well as the increased focus on research, summer hours beginning this year will require that offices be open Monday through Friday from 8-5pm. It was noted that individuals offices/departments may adjust schedules and use flextime to continue benefits to employees who want to adjust their week, while still keeping offices open.

There was general consensus to move forward with the new Summer schedule.

IV. President's Report

Dr. Kustra spoke to the Cabinet about the Vice President for Advancement Search, the transformational change underway at Boise State, the Unified Legislative luncheon, the tuition legislation and on items acted on at the last State Board of Education meeting.

VII. Other / Announcements

- Jack Pelton – selection for graduate residential scholars program underway - we have 20 slots and should have that many students to fill them.
- Gene Bleymaier – NCAA certification visit this month
- Sona Andrews – new NOI for Ph.D. program in Geosciences, and one for Engineering will be out next week – they are going through the Board process
- Peg Blake – noted new brochure on new residential colleges
- Jane Buser – CEC meeting on Feb 15 to make a decision/recommendation to JFAC
- Frank Zang – distance learning student from Montana and President Bush meeting, comment about Boise State.