

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Amy Ferrites, CPS; Dave Staley, Bannock County; Dan Eldredge, Bingham County; Scott Leibsle, Idaho State Department Of Agriculture (ISDA); Adam Schroeder, ISDA; Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association (ICA); Bill Barton, ISDA; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Alan Martinson, Idaho Weed Control Assoc.; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Bryce Fowler, Idaho Weed Superintendent; David Herter, Bannock County Noxious Weed; Bill Hargrave, Kootenai County Weed Superintendent; Desiree Kerny; Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed; Dan Steenson, IDA Sawtooth Law; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Brandy Kay, Idaho Wool Growers; Mitch Whitmill; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Brad Hunt, Office of Administrative Rules; Mitch Coats, Food Producers; Douglas R. Jones.

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 12, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Brent Olmstead, U of I, introduced **Michael P. Parrella**, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Idaho. Dean Parrella stated this February he will celebrate his first full year in Idaho. He explained he had traveled through out the state to familiarize himself with agriculture production of more than 180 crops grown in Idaho. He stated the goals outlined for the coming year are to increase cultural diversity, transform education and create more innovation through research, including increasing undergraduate enrollment from 1,000 to 1,500 in the next 3-5 years.

In response to committee question, **Dean Parrella** reported the U of I is working to increase the number of students coming from two year colleges to the University of Idaho in order to complete their degree by making it easier to transfer credits.

Chairman Boyle paid compliment to the University on their participation with the 4-H program. **Dean Parrella** said after years of decline in this program, the numbers are again growing to the point they experienced twenty years ago.

In response to committee question regarding more opportunities for student enrollment, **Dean Parrella** explained about the expansion plans for off site campus.

Chairman Boyle turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Dayley**.

Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the Rules Procedure to the committee members. He explained the three types of Rules; Pending, Fee and Temporary. Mr. Stevenson explained the result of the action taken by the committee to the various rules before them. He reminded the committee of the deadline for completion.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2.10 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary