

University of Idaho  
**FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**2002-2003 Meeting #1, Tuesday, April 30, 2002**

**Present:** Bailey, Bitterwolf, Chandler, Fairchild, Guenther, Haggart (w/o vote), Hong, Lillard, McCaffrey, McClure, McGuire, Nelson, Netzer, Pikowsky, Pitcher (w/o vote), Rinker, Wagner **Absent:** Baillargeon **Observers:** 1

**Call to Order.** A quorum being present, Provost Brian Pitcher, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in the Brink Hall Faculty Lounge.

**Announcements.** Faculty Secretary Peter Haggart announced that **the 2002-2003 Faculty Council would be smaller** by four members than the 2001-2002 council. College reorganization and early retirements have caused this reduction in membership. The 2002-2003 council will have 21 members, 19 voting and 2 non-voting. He told the council that a "head count" of faculty members in each college would be done in the fall, and council representation would be revisited at that time.

**Special Orders. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** After a brief explanation by the faculty secretary concerning the history and usual practice relating to the election of council officers, it was **moved and seconded** (Bitterwolf, Fairchild) to **suspend the rules of order** and proceed to the immediate election of officers of the 2002-2003 Faculty Council. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

**Election of Faculty Council Chair.** Professor Tom Bitterwolf was nominated for the position of Chair of Faculty Council. No other nominations were made, and it was **moved and seconded** (Nelson, Chandler) that **nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Professor Bitterwolf**. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

**Election of Faculty Council Vice Chair.** Professor Francis Wagner was nominated for the position of Vice Chair of Faculty Council. Professor Monique Lillard was nominated, but declined the nomination. Professor Tom Fairchild was nominated, but also declined the nomination. It was then **moved and seconded** (Nelson, Chandler) that **nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Professor Wagner**. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

**Chair's Remarks.** Chair Bitterwolf thanked the council for their confidence in him. He noted that this has been an unusual year for the U of Idaho that has called for monumental changes. Bitterwolf said that it was up to the faculty, staff, and students to make the changes work and that the Faculty Council would have a very important role to play next year. He described the chair's job as a "tremendous and exciting responsibility." Bitterwolf said that he was delighted to assume the chair's position and looked forward to working with what the past chair had described as an "extraordinary" group of people. He hoped the council could continue in the spirit of friendship and cooperation that has characterized the council in the past.

**New Business.** Councilor McClure asked Provost Pitcher to comment on the **process of restructuring** in the new colleges. She believes that the **faculty are being left out of the decision-making process**, now that the new colleges have been formed and that too many decisions will be made after faculty members have left the campus for the summer. Her new college (College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences) has not even had a faculty meeting to discuss the possible configurations within the new college. Provost Pitcher responded by saying that he understands that the transition period can be difficult. He said that the faculty should be involved in the process and faculty meetings should occur to help the process of communication and decision-making. Councilor McCaffrey asked that the council agenda next year include some discussion about **defining the terms "efficiency" and "viability"** as they are being used by administrative units in this period of budget reduction. Chair Bitterwolf said that he would put that on a future agenda. Councilor Chandler asked for an **update on the University Classroom Center (UCC) remodeling project**. The provost said that, although the university is planning to go ahead with the renovation, it all depends on the economic climate of the state of Idaho. He said that the university is ready to reschedule classes in the UCC if the funding is pulled from the project.

**Adjournment.** Breaking the tradition of the representative of the College of Law making the motion, it was **moved and seconded** (McClure, Lillard) to adjourn. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote, and Chair Bitterwolf adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the 2002-2003 Faculty Council will be at the call of the chair, but will most likely occur the week following the beginning of the fall semester.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Haggart  
Secretary of the Faculty Council