

FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

2002-2003 Meeting #12, Tuesday, January 21, 2003

Present: Wagner (vice-chair), Bailey, Baillargeon, Chandler, Cloud, Haggart (w/o vote), Hong, Lillard, McCaffrey, McClure, McGuire, Nelson, Pikowsky, Johnson (w/o vote), Reese, Rinker, Schekler **Absent:** Bitterwolf, Daley Laursen, Fairchild, Guenther, Pitcher, Rahim, Stegner
Observers: 13

Call to Order. A quorum being present, Faculty Council Vice Chair, Professor Francis Wagner, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. in the Brink Hall Faculty Lounge.

Minutes. The council accepted the minutes of the December 10, 2002, meeting as distributed.

Announcements. Faculty Council Chair, Tom Bitterwolf was absent from this meeting so that he could attend a meeting of the SBOE/Regents in Boise. This is also the week that legislative committees begin the budgeting process and UI President Bob Hoover will be appearing before the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee later in the week as a part of a presentation concerning the needs of higher education.

Committee Report. Report from the University Curriculum Committee. The following agenda items came to Faculty Council as seconded motions from the council's standing committee, the University Curriculum Committee.

FC-03-025. Proposed Name and Degree Changes for the New School of Journalism and Mass Media. This proposal is to change the name of the School of Communication to the School of Journalism and Mass Media, and for the new school to offer four (4) B.A. and B.S. degrees and minors in advertising, journalism, public relations, and radio/TV/digital media and production. Professor Kenton Bird, representing the new school, provided the council with background information and the rationale for the proposed changes. In response to a question of whether the new academic unit should remain a school or become a department, the ensuing discussion made clear that the difference between a school and a department was that a school offered a number of different degree programs and incorporated a multiple disciplinary structure. In response to a councilor's question concerning the number of faculty in the new school, Bird pointed out that although the new school has a smaller staff, it can actually bring more focus to the remaining academic programs. The former offerings (and their associated faculty members) of the School of Communication in visual communication, film, and communication studies have been moved to the art, theater arts, and psychology departments respectively. In response to another councilor's question concerning the acceptance of these changes by the faculty, Bird said that only one professor in the school had been in opposition to the changes. He also noted that the new school structure would probably increase the potential for outside funding. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-026. Proposed Change in the Name of the Department of Psychology. This proposal is to change the name of the Department of Psychology to the Department of Psychology and Communication Studies. The need for the name change comes from the reassignment of the communication studies program from the old School of Communication to the Department of Psychology. Professor Annett Folwell provided the council with background information and the rationale for the changes, detailing the way this academic area would fit into the old Department of Psychology. She noted that although the joining of these areas may seem unusual, the research methods, among other things, are very similar in these two academic areas. The two academic areas should complement each other. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-027. Proposed B.A. and B.S. Degrees and Minor in Communication Studies. This proposal is to add a B.S. and B.A. degree major and a minor in Communication Studies to the degree offerings of the new Department of Psychology and Communication Studies. Professor Annette Folwell again provided the council with background information on the new degree program. After a brief discussion, the motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-028. Proposed Change in the Name of the Department of Art to the Department of Art and Design. This proposal to change the department name also grew out of the addition of academic programs formerly offered by the old School of Communication that are now housed in the Department of Art. Joe Zeller, Dean of the College of Letters, Art and Social Sciences, provided the council with background information and the rationale for the name change. Dean Zeller explained that the use of the word "design" in the title was not an attempt to claim ownership of that academic area, but only to clearly identify the expanded academic offerings of the department. In response to a councilor's question, Dean Zeller said that the proposed virtual technology degree would not be a part of the Department of Art and Design. He also indicated that a future solution to the question of housing "design" programs might be a school that brought together all of the academic areas concerned with design. The motion was **adopted** by majority voice vote (14 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstention)

FC-03-029. Proposed M.S. Degree in Architecture. This proposal is to discontinue the current M.A. degree in architecture and replace it with an M.S. degree in architecture. Professor Paul Windley provided the council with background information and the rationale behind changing the degree program. While it was not clear how many potential degree candidates would be lost because of the change, it was clear that the present candidates would be able to finish their degrees. Windley pointed out that the market for M.S. graduates was much more significant than that for M.A. graduates in architecture. He said that most of the major architecture programs were phasing out their M.A. degrees in favor of the more marketable M.S. degree. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-030. Proposed Change in the B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. Program Names in Soil Science. This proposal is to change the name of the degree programs in Soil Science to Soil and Land Resources. Professor Paul McDaniel provided the council with the background information and rationale for the name change. In the discussion with the council it was pointed out that the name change was needed to accurately reflect the type of research, training, and teaching that was occurring in this division of PSES. Although all faculty members in the college were not in agreement with the name change, the proposal had been discussed and approved by all of the departments in the college. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-031. Proposed Degree Consolidation in Geological Science in the College of Science. This proposal became a matter of necessary housekeeping following the dissolution of the College of Mines and Earth Resources and the formation of the new College of Science. The Geology (B.S.) degree formerly offered by the old College of Mines and Earth Resources and the B.S. degree in geology formerly offered by the old College of Letters and Science, in association with the old College of Mines and Earth Resources, will become the Geological Sciences (B.S.) degree offered by the new College of Science. After a brief discussion, the motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-032. Proposed Changes in the Degrees Offered by the Department of Mathematics. This proposal reconfigures the degree program in mathematics from two(2) degrees to one(1) degree, Mathematics (B.S.), retaining the five (5) options that were previously offered with the old degree programs. There would be no changes in courses offered by the department. Department of Mathematics Chair, Monte Boisen, provided the council with background information and the rationale behind the proposed change. After a brief discussion concerning viability and efficiency studies, the motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-033. Proposed Changes to the B.S. Degree in Chemistry. This proposal would replace the two (2) current degree offerings in chemistry with a single degree (Chemistry B.S.) with three (3) options: general, professional, and pre-medical. Department of Chemistry Chair, Peter Griffiths, provided the council with background information and the rationale behind the proposed change. After a brief discussion concerning the requirements for the pre-medical degree program and whether or not material science courses should be included in the professional option requirements, the motion was **adopted** by majority vote (13 yea, 1 nay, 1 abstention).

FC-03-034. Proposed Consolidation of Degrees in Geography. This proposal would consolidate the two (2) B.S. degrees (Geography and Cartography) into a single Geography (B.S.) degree. The existing options would be retained by the new degree. After a brief discussion, the motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-035. Proposed Minor in Film Studies. This proposal would create a film studies minor program within the restructured Department of Theater and Film. Professor Anna Banks, a member of the department, provided the council with background information. The minor will take advantage of the approximately 24 film credit hours that are now being offered by four (4) different departments. The program will also allow the faculty members who teach film to offer a focused film minor and students interested in this subject an official minor program in film studies. After a brief discussion concerning the reallocation of college funds and revenue sharing, the motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

FC-03-018. Proposed New Degree in Virtual Technology and Design (VTD). This proposal was tabled on November 12, 2002. It was **moved and seconded (McClure, Baillargeon) to take the motion from the table.** The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote. Discussion of the motion centered around a letter received from the chair of the architecture department and statements from council members Reese and McClure, reporting on their conversations with the “stakeholders” in the architecture department. Councilor McClure had originally raised the concerns that led to the tabling of the motion. The letter from Chair Bob Baron described a faculty meeting that was held with the members of the architecture faculty on December 17th in response to a request made by the council on November 12th. [see FC minutes for 11/12/02] A vote taken at that departmental meeting approved the new degree program in principle, and asked the department chair and the dean to work out an implementation process. Councilors McClure and Reese both said they fully support the new degree program and are putting their faith in the ability of their department head and dean to find solutions to the concerns raised in the motion passed at the architecture faculty meeting. That departmental motion reads:

“In principle, we believe the VTD program will have a positive impact on the architecture program and support the implementation of the VTD program as presented, if such a program will not result in a loss of an architecture faculty position and that space and resource concerns are addressed.”

The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote.

Future Agenda. Councilor McCaffrey asked if the council was going to discuss the approval process being used by the administration for the discontinuance of academic programs? Vice Chair Wagner responded that Chair Bitterwolf and the provost had been discussing this matter and that Bitterwolf would report the results of those discussions and plans for a written process at the next council meeting.

Adjournment. It was **moved and seconded** (Lillard, McClure) to adjourn. The motion was **adopted** by unanimous voice vote, and Vice Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The **next meeting** of the Faculty Council will be on **January 28, 2003.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Haggart
Secretary of the Faculty Council