

University of Idaho
FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

2003-2004 Meeting #8, Tuesday, November 11, 2003

Present: Wagner (Chair), Bailey (Vice-chair), Baillargeon, Bitterwolf, Chandler, Cloud, Dockrey, Exon, Fairchild, Guenther, Lillard, McGuire, Pikowsky, Pitcher (w/o vote), Reese, Rinker, Voxman (w/o vote), Woolston, Young, Zemetra

Absent: Burnett, Stegner

Observers: 5

Call to Order. A quorum being present, Faculty Council Chair Wagner, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. in the Brink Hall Faculty Lounge.

Minutes. The council accepted the minutes of meeting #7 of the 2003-2004 Faculty Council, held on October 28, 2003 as distributed.

Chair's Report. Chair Wagner reported that the meeting between the Governor and the chairs of the faculty councils and senates from the state's colleges and universities went reasonably well. As a result of the meeting Wagner is hopeful that the Governor will moderate his position regarding pay increases and a flat-line budget. Regarding the Glenn Grishkoff situation, Wagner indicated that he is hoping an informational meeting of the council can take place where the various parties involved would present their positions, thus giving the council a better overall understanding of this case.

Provost's Report. Provost Pitcher briefly commented on the Glenn Grishkoff situation. He stated that after meetings with various individuals and a thorough review of the files, he again came to the conclusion that the evidence at hand supported the Dean's decision and the original recommendation. The Provost does not favor a meeting of the kind suggested by the Chair, in part because of the precedent it would set for the council to become involved in personnel matters.

Pitcher then commented on the proposal for changes in the UI administrative structure. This proposal was developed by a task force consisting of Provost Pitcher, Chuck Hatch, Marla Kraut, Reta Pikowsky, Debbie Storrs, Pat Sturko, and Wayland Winstead. Pitcher said it is likely that some changes will occur in the next several weeks, whereas other changes would require considerably more time and perhaps involve securing the advice of outside consultants. Councilor Chandler expressed concern about the timing of and the process used to formulate the proposals, especially those pertaining to the academic side of the institution. He asked why changes could not be developed and/or implemented after a new administration was in place. The Provost responded that certain changes may achieve general consensus now and thus could be implemented in the near future. Also, Pitcher thought it reasonable that a new President be entitled to some sort of a honeymoon period and not be faced with having to make a series of unpleasant decisions at the outset of his/her term. Pitcher also said that he had asked the Deans to consider college restructuring and work together to minimize the effect that changes in one college could have on the other colleges. Chandler pointed out that the restructuring time schedule presented at the meeting called for finalizing plans by the end of the semester and questioned how there could be sufficient faculty input by that time. The Provost reiterated that ample discussions would take place as needed, but insofar as possible it was important to reduce the level of uncertainty currently existing.

Committee Reports. The Council gave unanimous approval to the Notice of Intent from the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, Soc/Anth/JS to rename the Crime and Justice Studies major and minor to the Justice Studies major and minor that came as seconded motion from the University Curriculum Committee.

Lionel Hampton Center Education and Performance Facility. Joanne Reece, Sandra Haarsager, and Brian Johnson briefed the council on the progress made thus far in connection with the Lionel Hampton Center project. They emphasized the programmatic aspects of the facility. The Center will integrate the Lionel Hampton School of Music, Jazz Festival administration and the International Jazz Collections under one roof. It will also allow scholars and the general public to immerse themselves in the world of jazz. The performance hall will feature outstanding acoustics and a full array of performance and audience amenities. In addition, the facility will provide expanded classrooms, as well as rehearsal and practice studio spaces. The archives and collection areas will be integrated with the School of Music library, blending aspects of the two areas into a series of interconnected zones. The internationally recognized architectural firm of Cesar Pelli was selected for the Center project. The presenters said the federal funding received thus far (\$2,600,000) covers the selection process, the pre-design phase and schematic design. As additional funding is secured, design development will take place, which in turn will serve as a key support factor for private funding efforts.

The presenters emphasized that the Hampton Center project, like other recent UI building efforts, will most likely be a long-term endeavor and could take 10-12 years to come to fruition. They and the Provost stressed the importance of maintaining the vision of the project during this time period. Present funding strategies call for obtaining \$20,000,000 in federal funds, \$10,000,000 in private funds from both regional and national sources, and eventually \$10,000,000 in state funding. The national campaign committee is headed by George and Barbara Bush and Michigan Congressman John Conyers. Their interest and commitment will be important to national fundraising efforts. The Provost mentioned that he and Sandra Haarsager met recently with U. S. Secretary of Education Paige, who showed considerable interest in the project and has assigned members of his staff to help ensure its success. In response to a councilor's question, Chair Wagner indicated that the Jazz Festival appears to be on an even keel and should not experience cost overruns this year.

NASC Doug Adams noted that although NASC has now become NWCCU (Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities), there are no changes in the process or in the time-table for the self-study. The Faculty Council and various other UI groups have been provided with Adams' initial draft of the study. Adams again stressed the importance that this exercise has for the UI and encouraged council members to review the draft and forward their comments to him. Adams will conduct a series of meetings and forums to elicit input from the university community. He and the Provost reminded the council the necessity of accurately assessing our strengths and weaknesses, and the importance of indicating ways we are addressing or plan to address our deficiencies. Councilor Bitterwolf congratulated Adams on his work and said he was particularly impressed by the chapter dealing with UI finances. Asked about what he considered to be the weak points of the current draft, Adams responded that more work needs to be done with the part of Chapter 2 dealing with the graduate programs. He also expressed some dissatisfaction with the discussion on mission and goals found in Chapter 1. Chair Wagner thanked Adams for his work thus far. Adams indicated that it is now the council's task to read the draft, share it with their constituencies and provide constructive comments.

FC-04-003. The council returned to an agenda item originally introduced in Meeting #6. UI Registrar Reta Pikowsky noted that the principal substance of FC-04-003 is to create the possibility of assigning 600-level numbers to courses specifically designed for doctoral students. This would enable a department and the university to distinguish between 500-level courses, which are open to both M.S. and Ph.D. students. The 600-level courses are intended for doctoral students only. Councilor McGuire questioned the need for this change since class sizes in 600-level courses would generally be quite small. However, some councilors pointed out that such courses could have significant enrollments and it would be advantageous in some programs to make distinctions between 500- and 600-level courses. In any case, assigning courses a 600-number would be entirely at a department's discretion. It was also noted that 600-level courses have the potential for generating additional state funding under the state's workload adjustment formulae since these courses carry greater weight in that model than do the 500-level courses. Hearing no further discussion on the proposed changes the Chair called for a vote and FC-04-003 passed unanimously with one abstention.

Councilor Rinker inquired whether further information was available concerning the issue of professional fee payments and related matters. The Chair said he would follow up on this query.

In a notably calmer mood than evidenced at the previous meeting, Lillard moved adjournment. Fairchild seconded the motion and following a rather non-descript rap of the gavel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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