

University of Idaho
FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

2003-2004 Meeting #7, Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Present: Wagner (Chair), Bailey (Vice-chair), Chandler, Dockrey, Exon, Lillard, McGuire, Pitcher (w/o vote), Reese, Stegner, Rinker, Voxman (w/o vote), Woolston, Zemetra

Absent: Baillargeon, Bitterwolf, Burnett, Cloud, Fairchild, Guenther, Pikowsky, Young

Observers: 4

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

Minutes. The council accepted the minutes of meeting #6 of the 2003-2004 Faculty Council, held on October 14, 2003 as distributed.

Chair's Report. Chair Wagner introduced the new UI Ombudsman, Charles Morrison, who reminded the Council of what his office offers to the UI community. Chair Wagner also reported that he and other Faculty Council and Senate chairs will meet with the Governor, Monday, November 3, to discuss funding increases for the state's colleges and universities. Wagner stated that he and Interim Faculty Secretary Voxman had met with the Provost to discuss the Glenn Grishkoff situation. Wagner is hopeful that an equitable decision will be made within two weeks to resolve this matter.

Provost's Report. Provost Pitcher said that he had met with Dean Zeller and Art department chair, Sally Machlis, and will have further meetings dealing with the Grishkoff case in the immediate future. He would like to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. Pitcher also announced that the SBOE will have a special board meeting next week to discuss possible changes to current college and university alcohol policies. It is hoped that these institutions will be granted more flexibility in terms of when and where alcohol can be served for campus events.

Announcements. Voxman spoke briefly about an ad hoc Policy Committee that he attends. The committee is charged with the task of offering recommendations concerning, among other issues, what constitutes policy, what steps are involved in proposing new policies, how are policies decided and by whom, and the need for more (or less) consolidation of existing policy and procedure manuals and documents.

Provost Pitcher asked councilors to solicit from their respective colleges nominees to serve on the University-Level Promotion Committee. Names of the nominees need to be forwarded to the Faculty Secretary or the Faculty Chair by November 10.

Committee Reports. The Council took action on the following Notices of Intent that came as seconded motions from the University Curriculum Committee

- **FC-04-004 Notice of Intent: College of Education/Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.** The purpose of this NOI is to eliminate the Athletic Training Minor. Cal Lathen, Chair of HPERD noted that this minor no longer is sufficient for certification, and could create problems for students who thought they would be certified by completing the minor. The NOI was approved unanimously.
- **FC-04-005 Notice of Intent: College of Letters, Arts, and Social Science/Military Science.** The purpose of this NOI is to create a 26-credit Military Science minor for students in the Army ROTC program. Captain Roger Arnzen pointed out that this minor would recognize the work done by students in that program, and would also be in line with minors offered by the Navy and Air Force ROTC programs. The NOI was approved unanimously.
- **FC-04-006 Notice of Intent: College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences/English.** The purpose of this NOI is to create a Bachelor of Science degree in American Studies. Sheila O'Brien (English) pointed out that the Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies already exists and a Bachelor of Science degree would add flexibility to the program. Not requiring a foreign language as a part of the B.S. degree is the principal difference between that degree and the B.A. degree. Because of this difference the B.S. degree may be more attractive to some students, including those who are seeking a double major. In the following discussion, councilor Zemetra noted that the American Study program has had few majors and he raised the question about its viability/efficiency. He pointed out that in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences some majors with few graduating students felt

compelled to change the “major” to an “option” even though the courses used in the major attracted, and continue to attract, a healthy number of students (as do the courses in the American Studies program). Importantly, no apparent savings were generated by eliminating the major. Zemetra also observed that this change (major to option) was potentially detrimental to the college since students generally prefer to be in a “major” program rather than in an “option” program. He noted, for example, that Boise State University has a major in Horticulture, whereas the UI no longer does since Horticulture has been relegated to an “option” status. It was generally agreed that an appropriate committee should consider the general issue of viability/efficiency. The Provost said that the SBOE is now taking a comprehensive look at what programs are offered by the state’s colleges and universities. He suggested it would be best to wait two or three weeks before we address the viability/efficiency issue in order to have access to the State Board’s data. There was general agreement that this would be the best course of action. Having completed its discussion, the Council then gave its unanimous approval to the proposed NOI.

Intercollegiate Athletics (Wagner, Spear). The UI Faculty Council has been asked to join the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), a new organization that encourages faculty councils and senates to become actively involved in efforts to ensure that college sports play a positive role in academia. Detailed information about COIA can be found at <http://www.indiana.edu/~bfc/COIA/COIA.html>. Rob Spear, Interim Director of Athletics, addressed the Council on the extent that UI and NCAA policies are in accord with the objectives of the COIA. According to Spear, there is minimal discrepancy between the objectives outlined by COIA and current UI practices in such areas as Academic Integrity, Student Athlete Welfare, Governance, and Finances. He also stated, however, that some COIA goals would be difficult to achieve or perhaps are not advisable, including attempting to schedule all games in a single term (terms can vary notably among institutions); standardizing equipment, facilities and coaching staffs within a conference (significant differences among programs presently making equalization virtually impossible to attain); or favoring multi-year over one-year athletic scholarships (multi-year contracts do not allow aid to be terminated).

In response to a councilor’s question, Spear said that it is definitely to our advantage to remain a Division 1A school, especially from a budgetary standpoint. The biggest obstacle to our continuing at the 1A level is the NCAA requirement that Division 1A schools average 15,000 “in-seat” attendance at home football games. However, Spear is confident that creative ways can be found to ensure this average can be attained. He noted that when home games were played in Martin Stadium, average attendance was 23,000. Spear remains hopeful that the UI will be invited to join the WAC, which would provide geographic integrity and create rivalries with teams more familiar to UI fans.

The latter part of the discussion returned to the advisability of the UI Faculty Council becoming a part of the COIA. The Provost and others spoke in favor of becoming part of this nationwide movement. It was moved (McGuire) and seconded (Dockrey) that we join COIA. The motion passed unanimously.

26-Credit Requirement for Student Membership on the Council. Though not on the agenda, UI student Damian Ball requested Faculty Council’s consideration of the current rule that a student must have completed 26 credits at the UI in order to be a member of the Council. Ball hoped that a change to this regulation could be made in time for the upcoming student elections. However, it was subsequently found that this requirement appears in the *Faculty Staff Handbook*, Section 1580, VI, and any changes would need approval of the Council and the General Faculty.

With winds raging outside, a mildly fearful Monique Lillard moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by McGuire and approved by the council at 5:08. With a reasonable stroke of the gavel, Chair Wagner brought the meeting to an end.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Voxman
Interim Secretary of the Faculty Council