

University of Idaho
FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

2004-2005 Meeting #1, Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Present: Bailey, Baillargeon, Beard, Bechinski, Cloud, Exon, Houle, McGuire, McLaughlin, Morgan, Pitcher (w/o vote), Reid, Rinker, Rosholt, Voxman (w/o vote), Young, Zemetra

Absent: Greever, McMurtry, Reese, Woolston

Observers: 4

Call to Order. A quorum being present, Provost Pitcher, called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. in the Brink Hall Faculty Lounge.

The Provost welcomed the new members of the Council, James Reid (CLASS), Ed Bechinski (Ag and Life Sciences), Bill McLaughlin (CNR), Ben Beard (Law), and Bijan Houle (ASUI). At this point representatives from the College of Science and from the Deans have not been chosen.

Election of Officers. As is customary, the Provost called for a motion to suspend the Council rules in order to proceed directly to the election of officers of the 2004-2005 Council. The motion (McGuire, Young) was approved unanimously.

Election of the Chair. Provost Pitcher called for nominations for the office of Chair of Faculty Council. Councilor Rinker nominated Jeff Bailey. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. This motion passed unanimously, and Bailey was elected by a unanimous vote.

Election of the Vice-chair. Councilor Exon nominated Robert Zemetra and Councilor Bailey nominated Councilor Young for the office of Vice-chair of the Faculty Council. The initial vote resulted in a 7 – 7 tie. It was then suggested that Councilors Young and Zemetra provide a brief statement regarding their candidacies. Councilor Young, for once able to take the lead alphabetically, noted that this is a pivotal time for the UI. He is looking forward to working with the new president in charting a new course for the UI. Councilor Zemetra, serving his second year on council, agreed that this is an important moment in the UI's history. He emphasized that we need to be more aggressive in getting the word out about the state of the UI. He noted that he comes from a college active in teaching, research, and extension and that he has experience in all of these areas. In the next round of voting, Zemetra received a majority of the votes and was elected Vice-chair of the 2004-2005 Council.

Remarks by Chair Bailey. Chair Bailey said he was looking forward to working with the new Council. He emphasized that the present circumstances present a great opportunity for faculty to become involved in the UI restructuring. He said it is essential that the Council maintain its independence and show leadership in dealing with the issues facing the UI. The Provost encouraged councilors to forward their thoughts now on issues to be considered in the fall.

Adjournment. It was move and seconded (Beard, Baillargeon) to adjourn and the meeting closed at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Voxman
Interim Secretary of the Faculty Council