

University of Idaho
FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

2004-2005 Meeting #6 Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Present: Bailey (Chair), Anderson, Bechinski, Cloud, Exon, Geist (for Gunter), Greever, Houle, McGuire, Pitcher (w/o vote), Reese, Reid, Rinker, Rosholt, Shook (for McLaughlin), Voxman (w/o vote), Woolston, Young, Zemetra

Absent: Baillargeon, Gunter, Hammel, McLaughlin, McMurtry

Observers: 6

Call to Order. A quorum being present, Faculty Council Chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Clearwater Room of the Commons. Bailey introduced Mark Anderson who is the new GSA representative to the council.

Minutes. The council accepted the minutes of meeting #5 of the 2004-2005 Faculty Council, held on September 28, as distributed.

Chair's Report. Chair Bailey reported that the faculty conversations with the President are going well. He said that all the fall sessions are full, but asked councilors to encourage faculty to participate in the spring pointing out that a link to these sessions are on the Faculty Council website. Bailey distributed copies of the accreditation preliminary report and said that a more detailed report is being prepared. He said that he is working with President White and LCSC President Thomas to alter SBOE meeting schedules so that one year the October SBOE meeting would take place at the University of Idaho and the June meeting in Lewiston reversing this order in the following year. Currently the October meetings are held in Lewiston and the June meetings in Moscow, which means that the University of Idaho faculty have less opportunity to attend. Bailey concluded his remarks by saying that he would like the focus of next week's council meeting to be on the University Vision and Resources Tasks Force report. He hopes that the council will identify issues for which it would like to forward comments to the President.

Provost's Report. Provost Pitcher said that the SBOE is trying to work in a more efficient manner and to this end, plan to meet once a month to discuss K-12 and higher education issues. Much of the Board's work will be relegated to a consent agenda. Pitcher said that there has been an ongoing Board discussion regarding fees (and possibly tuition), but he did not see any action being taken in this connection in the immediate future. The provosts have been asked to study the issue of flexible fees and make recommendations to the Board.

Councilor Rosholt announced that candidates running for Latah County offices will take part in a public forum, Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. She hopes there will be substantial student turnout for the forum.

FC-05-007: Proposed Name Change in College of Natural Resources (B.S. Natural Resources Ecology and Conservation Biology to B.S. Ecology and Conversation Biology). This title simplification was approved unanimously.

Approval of Revised Academic Calendar and Final Exam Schedule, Fall/Spring 2005-06. The proposed revised calendar puts the university more in line with the WSU calendar. The revision was approved unanimously. Councilor Anderson asked why Veterans Day was not included among the official university holidays. Bailey suggested that this topic could be taken up at a future meeting.

FC-05-008: *Faculty Staff Handbook* change to Section 4610. The purpose of this change is to bring the Tuesday-Thursday class hours listed in the FSH in accord with current policy. The change was approved unanimously.

Faculty Council UVRTF Forums. Chair Bailey announced that the Faculty Council sponsored forums intended to give faculty, students, and staff the opportunity to discuss issues related to the UVRTF report that will take place Monday, November 1, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Clearwater room and Wednesday, November 3, 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Crest room.

TLC Presentation: Ray Pankopf, Norm Yandt, Greg Clifford, and Glenda Deitrick provided the council with a detailed update on various aspects of the Teaching-Learning Center project. They provided handouts to the councilors regarding the project scope, budget, and schedule available at the faculty council website www.webs.uidaho.edu/facultycouncil. Pankopf said that the project is essentially on schedule and work should be completed during spring, 2005. At this time it appears likely that classroom equipment can be tested during summer, 2005. He said that since the project had been delayed because of legislative inaction and that no additional dollars were made available to compensate for the delay, some building spaces will not be completed at this time. However, all classrooms will be completed and equipped as originally scheduled. In addition, space for the Dean of Students and Multi-cultural Affairs is under construction; however, space allocated to the media center and digital imaging and photographic services will not be finished until more funds become available. The project cost is \$12,529,000 and is funded through bonds sold by the Idaho State Bonding Authority. The university has provided supplemental funding (\$400,000) for purchasing classroom furniture and audio-visual equipment. Clifford demonstrated the state-of-the-art technology that will be available in each of the 29 classrooms. Councilors were duly impressed by the various features illustrated by Clifford and the ease of putting them to use. Clifford said that eventually all university multi-media classrooms will be similarly equipped, once sufficient resources (private and otherwise) are identified. Training will be provided for all users of the classroom equipment.

In response to a councilor's question, Pankopf said that whiteboards will be in all the classrooms as well as either 8- or 10-foot wide screens. He thought that classrooms occupy at least two-thirds of the building space and will provide the council with a more exact figure as soon as he can. Deitrick described the classroom furnishings. She said that they were midrange in terms of cost, and chosen for their comfort and durability. Councilors were encouraged to look at the displays she had set up. Deitrick noted that some of the classrooms have fixed seating arrangements while others can be configured easily according to instructors' preferences. She stressed that the overriding philosophy was to create an enjoyable learning environment rather than maximize the number of seats that could be fitted into a room.

Chair Bailey thanked the presenters for coming to the meeting and providing the council with an informative update on an exciting addition to the campus. The council supported Bailey's remarks with a hearty round of applause.

To conclude the meeting Bailey said that he wanted the councilors to be aware of our membership in the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics. The 2003-2004 council voted to accept membership in this organization. Prior to adjournment councilor Anderson requested that consideration be given in the future to the differentiated price structure for faculty versus teaching assistants at Bob's Café.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Voxman
Interim Secretary of the Faculty Council