

University of Idaho
FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

2005-2006 Meeting #3, Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Present: Adams (w/o vote), Beard, Bechinski, Browder (sitting in for McMurtry, w/o vote), Crowley, Greever, Gunter, Hubbard, McCollough, McLaughlin, Morris (sitting in for Baker; w/o vote), Munson, Parrish, Reid, Williams, Woolston, Zemetra

Absent: Baker, Exon, Farnen, Hunt, McMurtry, Young

Observers: 2

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Faculty Council Chair Robert Zemetra called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Minutes: There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 6th meeting of Faculty Council, they were approved unanimously as distributed.

Chair's Report: In his report Chair Zemetra announced that Professor Kathe Gabel, for five years the university's faculty representative to the NCAA, was stepping down from that position because of increased teaching demands in her department. The position, carrying 25% release time, will be advertised; applicants will be limited to current University of Idaho full professors. On a related issue the Faculty Council needs to nominate one or more of its members to the President's Athletic Advisory Council. The president will appoint one of the nominees to serve in the position previously held by Professor Rinker who is ineligible to continue to serve because his term on council is over. He urged council members to be ready to offer (self-)nominations at next week's council meeting. He also reminded council members of the faculty conversations opportunity for faculty to meet with the president. The president has set aside certain times for a brown-bag lunch meeting with groups of faculty (ten person minimum); these meetings are to be facilitated by members of faculty council. Dates available for this semester are Wednesday, September 21st, Thursday, November 3rd, and Thursday, December 8th all from 11:30-1:00. Council can visit the following webpage from the council's website to obtain further information about this opportunity http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/facultycouncil/Conversations_with_president.htm

Finally, he reminded council members that they had received a questionnaire put together by Vice Chair McLaughlin concerning the list of possible Faculty Council topics, which should be circulated to their constituents quickly so that rankings of importance including any new issues could be assembled for the next Faculty Council meeting.

Provost's Report: Vice Provost Linda Morris, substituting for Provost Baker who was in Idaho Falls and returning to the scene of her earlier triumphs while Interim Provost, reported on the progress of various administrative searches. The search for a new vice president for finance and administration, a process headed up by Dean John Hammel, was soon to be at the stage where candidates would be brought to campus for on-campus interviews. The search for a director of marketing and strategic communications, led by Associate Dean Margrit von Braun, is also close to issuing invitations for on-campus interviews. Searches for the vice president for advancement and director of Human Resources are on-going. She reminded council that we have hired a new registrar, Nancy Krogh, who will begin October 17th. She is currently the registrar for the University of North Dakota. The president will be producing a new administrative organizational chart that will take into account various administrative reorganizations. She also noted that the university has not yet been able to fill the ombuds position formerly held by Professor Charles Morrison; she encouraged council members to seek out possible applicants.

In other news, the vice provost spoke about Stamats, the marketing firm the university has hired to aid in student recruiting. Their primary focus is undergraduate recruiting but graduate recruiting has also been added to their responsibilities. They are currently engaged in focus groups and surveys. With regard to the undergraduate and graduate "mix" at the university, the vice provost pointed out that currently the ratio was on the order of 80% undergraduate to 20% graduate students. Is that the right mix? She will be looking into the question to see whether the university might be better served by a different ratio. She also spoke of the

university's plans for celebrating Constitution Day, federally mandated at all institutions receiving federal funds. There are a number of events, talks, and contests planned.

She spoke of "University Matters," a series of workshops designed to help chairs and directors become acquainted with the kind of information they need to plan and to manage their units, e.g., strategies of enrollment and fiscal management. There is also a series of workshops designed to help faculty master the new technologies with which new classrooms, particularly those of the TLC are equipped. These workshops tie in with the SBOE/Board of Regents interest in enhancing teaching with technology. The SBOE office is particularly appreciative of the University of Idaho's efforts and is quick to single out Professor Dave Thomas's work in producing the webcourse, "Gateway to Calculus," for high school students as a prime example of how technologically enhanced teaching can serve the need of the state.

FC-06-001: NOI for Six Sigma Certificate: Professor Rick Edgeman, chair of Statistics, provided background on the certificate proposal. Barry Willis, associate vice president for university outreach, provided additional details. A student's completion of this program will produce a high degree of marketability in many industries (e.g., GE, DuPont, Motorola, Micron) where the Six Sigma program has proven highly valuable. In putting together a Six Sigma program here, the university was currently ahead of the curve; there were no competing Six Sigma programs geographically close to the University of Idaho. A council member noted that, like most other proposals to add programs, this one came with the notation that no additional resources were needed. The council member thought that unlikely. Professor Edgeman agreed, at least in part. His work in putting together the proposal was in the form of uncompensated overload and the program, once up and running would demand a certain amount of time in advising and supervising as well as the addition of one new course. Otherwise the program made use of existing courses and resources.

Discovering late in the discussion that this NOI had not gone through UCC, there being no requirement that certificate programs do so, it had not come to Faculty Council as a seconded motion. It was therefore moved and seconded (Williams, Gunter) to approve the university's offering this certificate program. The motion carried unanimously.

The discussion continued on the issue of the desirability of UCC review of all proposed certificate programs. Would the added step required be an unnecessary burden or would the added review be helpful to the proposal and help assure that there were university-wide resources (e.g., library holdings) that would adequately support the new certificate program. It was moved and seconded (Crowley, Gunter) that all proposed certificate programs go to UCC before they come to Faculty Council. The motion carried eight to three with one abstention. The faculty secretary will see that the appropriate policies are revised accordingly.

FC-06-002: Regulation D-5 (UCC-05-041) and FC-06-003: FSH 4250 "Continuing Education and Correspondence Study" (UCC-05-042): These proposed twin changes to the catalog and the Faculty-Staff Handbook respectively came to the council as seconded motions from last year's UCC. Council's discussion was somewhat hampered by the loss of institutional memory in the person of the former registrar, Reta Pikowsky. The intent seemed to council to be (1) to allow a single class to be given, at the same time, to students who were enrolled in it for academic credit and students enrolled for continuing education units and (2) to prohibit students from receiving both academic credit and continuing education credit from the same course. (Currently university policy does not allow the same class to be taken by both kinds of students simultaneously.) However, some of the proposed wording changes did not seem altogether consonant with that goal. Thus it was moved and seconded (Crowley, Munson) to table the items and send them back to UCC for clarification. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Order: How to gather "broad faculty input" for proposed changes to FSH 1565 "Academic Ranks and Responsibilities": Professor Greever provided some background. Late last spring the Faculty Affairs Committee had forwarded substantial proposed changes to this section of the Faculty-Staff Handbook. At that time Faculty Council had decided that, before beginning extensive debate on the proposed changes, it needed to be assured that those changes had received widespread input from the university faculty.

Professors Greever and Gunter had agreed to work on that issue and were now bringing it back to Faculty Council for further advice.

To clean up the parliamentary status of the proposed changes, it was moved and seconded (Crowley, Munson) to table the original proposal from Faculty Affairs. The motion carried unanimously. The subsequent discussion often strayed into debate about the merits of the proposed changes, rather than how to obtain the desired widespread faculty input. In the end, the traditional hour for the ending of Faculty Council meetings having come and gone, it was moved and seconded (Gunter, Munson) to return the proposal to Faculty Affairs and ask them to arrange that the proposal receive widespread faculty exposure and input, perhaps through surveys of all faculty, and/or perhaps through open forums, or perhaps through other appropriate processes. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business it was moved to adjourn (Beard, Greever). The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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