

University of Idaho
2007-2008
FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA

Meeting #16
Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
Brink Hall Faculty Lounge

Order of Business

I. Call to Order.

II. Minutes.

- Minutes of the 2007-08 Faculty Council Meeting #15, January 22, 2008

III. Chair's Report.

IV. Provost's Report.

V. Other Announcements and Communications.

- Yardley Report (Margrit Von Braun)

VI. Committee Reports.

Committee on Committees:

- **FC-08-029:** FSH 1620 University Level Committees (Karen Guilfoyle)
- **FC-08-030:** FSH 1640 – Committee Directory (includes changes to FSH 2400, 3230, 3840 and 3910) (Karen Guilfoyle)

University Curriculum Committee:

- **FC-08-028:** NOI: College of Science, Academic Certificate in Reproductive Biology
- **FC-08-031:** NOI: College of Education, Academic Certificate in Technical Workforce Training

VII. Special Orders.

VIII. Unfinished Business and General Orders.

IX. New Business.

X. Adjournment.

Professor Don Crowley, Chair 2007-2008, Faculty Council

Attachments:

Minutes of 2007-2008 FC Meeting #15, January 22, 2008

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FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES
2007-2008 Meeting #15, Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008

Present: Adams (w/o vote), Baker, Crowley (chair), Fritz, Griff, Guilfoyle, Hubbard, Machlis, McCaffrey, McCollough, McDaniel, Mihelich, Miller, Murphy, Oman, Ripplinger, Rowland, Schmeckpepper, Schmiede, Sullivan, Ch. Williams, Ci. Williams, Wilson. Liaisons: Stauffer (Boise), Crepeau (Idaho Falls), Newcombe (Coeur d'Alene).

Absent: None

Observers: 5

Minutes: It was moved and seconded (Miller, McDaniel) to accept the minutes of the December 14th meeting as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report: The chair apologized for the lack of a video hookup with the council's liaisons in the three university centers. The silver lining was that council was back in a room it liked (the Brink Hall Faculty Lounge) but there was no opportunity for video-interaction with the center liaisons, only a teleconferencing phone hookup. The faculty secretary explained that his office was informed on December 21st that AgSci 104 would no longer be available to council because a class had been scheduled at that time. A frantic but thorough investigation of alternative possibilities had led to the return to Brink with the phone hookup as the best option for this semester.

He announced the need for a Faculty Council member to join a task force on Kibbie Dome renovation and improvements. Councilor Wilson graciously agreed to be that member.

The chair also reported on his having taken part in Higher Education Week in Boise the previous week, particularly a reception put on by the various faculty council/senate chairs for legislators. Some dozen or so legislators had taken advantage of the opportunity; these legislators were, to a person, already supporters of higher education in Idaho.

Next week's Faculty Council meeting will be given over to a second, more informed, discussion of the Yardley Report. He cautioned councilors that individual comments or criticisms about the report's treatment of individual programs would not be the most useful way of using council's time because there would be no one else on council who could judge the validity of the comments or criticisms. What he hoped for, and in this he was seconded by the provost, was a discussion of the larger issues raised in the report. While the report was being amended to take into account corrections and comments coming from the university community, there was no likelihood that the final version would be substantially different than the published draft. However, what the university did with the report was as yet a completely blank slate and Faculty Council's discussion would help fill in that slate.

The vice chair, Karen Guilfoyle noted that, as yet, there had been no applicants for the faculty secretaryship. The search committee was in the process of revising the job description and was opening the search to both associate and full professors. In a not unrelated matter she noted that the pool of potential faculty-level committee members was down from previous years and urged members of council to fill out the preference sheet and, in turn, to urge their constituents to do so also. She also informed council that she was the faculty representative on a task force focused on faculty and staff development. She urged councilors or their constituents who had ideas about appropriate channels for faculty development to pass those ideas on to her.

Provost's Report: The provost had also spent the last week in Boise. He reported that the legislative affairs meeting was good and that the president had made a good presentation to JFAC. UI's top priority and the top priority for the other schools was an increase in faculty salaries. The governor's recommendation was for a 5% increase in CEC. It was and has been the governor's position, that after comparing the compensation package for public employees in Idaho with private employees in Idaho, that

public employees were underpaid but overbenefited. The money he was proposing was to go to salaries, not benefits. [Or at least, so it seems. The vice president for finance and administration is working on determining exactly what the governor's recommendation of a 5% increase in the CEC would mean for both salary and benefits.] Also in the governor's proposed budget was some \$400,000 for planning for a new academic center in Coeur d'Alene. Not in his budget was any money for the university's request for planning money for an energy research center. Another issue to watch was ISU's attempts to build a full-fledged medical school in Pocatello. UI's position on the matter was that medical education opportunities in Idaho could be more efficiently expanded by expanding WWAMI.

The provost noted that candidates for the vice president of research were coming through campus and he urged attendance at their open forums. The candidates' vitae are accessible from the president's web page at: <http://www.president.uidaho.edu/VPResearchSearch>. The chair noted he had been accosted by a faculty member greatly displeased about not being notified of the opportunities to meet the candidates. It was discovered after the council meeting that notification was posted on Today@Idaho and has also been sent to all who are on the "Today@Idaho" email list. Part of the problem may rest with the fact that not everyone is on the Today@Idaho email list. One can subscribe to this email list at <http://www.today.uidaho.edu/NewsViaEmail.aspx>. The provost, continuing with his report, stated that he was enthusiastic about recent workshops on assessment and noted that the Strategic Plan Goal II team would be setting up a workshop on outreach and engagement.

Sabbatical Leaves: The council took up a report from the Provost's Office concerning candidates for sabbatical leaves for 2008-2009. It was moved and seconded (Miller, Sullivan) to approve the list. The motion carried unanimously.

FC-08-003: FSH 5100 J: Indirect-cost assessments: John Tracey, interim vice president for research, presented background on the changes to FSH 5100 J. These changes had already been approved by the appropriate body, Research Council, and were being brought to Faculty Council for information and discussion. The result of these changes was to remove the specific language from the *Handbook* as to how indirect cost assessments would be distributed on campus. In the process of development was a new section of the *Administrative Procedures Manual* (APM) which would spell out a new distribution schema. (It was appropriate to put these numbers in the APM as that was where all other budget information of that sort was kept.) The new distribution would be designed to appropriately award the PI (the current 5% distribution to the PI was about average for peer institutions and would probably be kept) but also to allow for the creation of centrally managed pools for equipment purchase, start-up costs, and the payment of certain graduate student fees and insurance. Centralization of this money would allow for more strategic use of these funds on a university-wide basis and also obviate the need for departments to save it up in reserves for several years until the need to expend it arose. Doing so creates a large year-to-year carryover which is disadvantageous politically and financially. The ensuing discussion suggested cautious acceptance of the idea of centrally held pools, considerable surprise that the prior schema for distributing indirect-cost assessments had been done away with before a new schema was even on the drawing boards, and concern that the current department share, if reduced or eliminated, would adversely affect graduate education if not compensated for in some fashion. Professor Tracey promised to bring the new proposal to council sometime in the latter part of this semester.

FC-08-017: Biohazards, new form: Professor Gulhan Unlu presented some background on the new form. It was longer than its predecessor but, by asking the questions it did, would make the overall approval process easier and quicker.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded (Miller, Oman) to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Q. Adams, Faculty Secretary and Secretary to Faculty Council