

University of Idaho
2007-2008
FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA

Meeting #8

3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Ag & Life Science 104; Boise 450C, CDA 112A; IF4 (TAB321b)

Order of Business

- I. Call to Order.**
- II. Minutes.**
 - Minutes of the 2007-08 Faculty Council Meeting #7, October 9, 2007
- III. Chair's Report.**
- IV. Provost's Report.**
- V. Other Announcements and Communications.**
 - Committee Appointments (Karen Guilfoyle)
 - University Paper Management (Gary Machlis)
 - Report on Athletics (Rob Spear)
 - **FC-08-010:** FSH 3730: Retirement Privileges & Programs emergency policy (Linda Peavey)
- VI. Committee Reports.**
 - University Curriculum Committee:
 - FC-08-007:** NOI: CNR (minor name change) Timber Harvesting to Forest Operations
 - FC-08-008:** Regulation B-13: Registration in Joint-Listed Courses
 - FC-08-009:** Regulation J-9-a: Academic minor credit change
- 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 #7, October 9, 2007

Committee Appointments Memo

FC-08-010: FSH 3730 Retirement Privileges & Programs (previously sent)

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FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES
2007-2008 Meeting #7, Tuesday, October 9, 2007

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

Absent: McDaniel, Ch. Williams

Observers: 7

A quorum being present chair Crowley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in AgSci 104. He took a moment to announce the sudden and lamented death of Professor Sandra Haarsager, representative from CLASS to Faculty Council. He noted that council would miss her wisdom on any number of issues. A public service celebrating her life would be held in the University Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday. It was moved and seconded (Wilson, Odom) to approve the minutes of October 2nd. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report: The chair reported that this week's cabinet meeting had been largely devoted to once more reviewing the bonding proposal that would be taken to the board this week at the board's meeting in Lewiston. He noted that the president had asked him for faculty reaction to the bonding proposal. While delighted that the president was interested in faculty opinion on the subject, he said he had a hard time answering because there had been no formal action taken after the presentation on the bonding proposal. A vote on such a topic would probably be inappropriate but he thought we should work on providing the chair with more robust feedback on these issues so he could more confidently report faculty opinion.

Provost's Report: The provost echoed the chair's opening statement concerning Professor Haarsager, whose husband he had long worked with at WSU when he was there. He would, he feared, be unable to attend her service as he was obligated to be taking part in the Board of Regents/State Board of Education meeting in Lewiston at the same time. He noted that the board would be taking up several items of interest to the university: (1) a review of the business programs offered throughout the state (a report prepared by a group chaired by our College of Business and Economics' Jack Morris), (2) the strategic plan for the University of Idaho's Law School (to be presented in a few minutes to this council), (3) the acceptance of a \$550,000 grant devoted to fuel sustainability, and (4) discussion of the unfunded Gear-Up grant. Loyal readers of these minutes will remember an earlier discussion concerning this federal grant for \$17 million that demanded state matching funds which the State Board of Education had neglected to think about. The various state institutions of higher education were trying to put together a package of "in kind" services to the target school districts that would contribute to the \$17 million in matching funds needed. The provost asked that everyone explore ideas and programs that could be used to help with the match.

He also noted that the institutional accrediting agency would be on campus for its follow-up visit on the 17th and 18th of this month and would be meeting with numerous administrators, staff, and students. Among those meetings would be one with the chair and vice chair of Faculty Council. There would also be an open forum for all faculty at 8:00 a.m. on the 18th in the Horizon Room.

Future Plans of the College of Law: Dean Burnett, associate deans Brandt and Seamon, president of the Law Students Association, Anna Faller, and Lee Dillion, Extension Programs Director of current Law School offerings in Boise, presented council with the results of a multi-year study on possibilities for the Law School's future and proposals for further study. The study had convinced the Law School and its students that a continuation of the status quo would be impossible. The Law School had a statewide responsibility to provide legal education and training. With the tremendous growth in population of the Boise area the need to provide legal education there is becoming increasingly acute. If our Law School does not act in some way, there is every possibility that a proprietary law school will seize the

opportunity. Also, given the way law school education is financed (through debt) there is a need to have access to part-time jobs for law students and for job opportunities for their spouses or partners which are difficult to find in Moscow's relatively rural setting.

The Law School has three proposals that they are taking to the board for further input and discussion. The first possibility is enlarging the program in Moscow while increasing research and outreach in Boise, and perhaps giving students the option of pursuing their last year in Boise (where externships and a "semester in practice" are already available). To implement this strategy there would be a need for six new faculty in Moscow and three new faculty in Boise. The second would relocate most of the instruction to Boise while retaining research and outreach in Moscow, including interdisciplinary program ventures such as the "Water of the West" program. There would need to be ten to twelve new faculty (thirty-three overall) to support increased student body size and a more complex curriculum. The third possibility would be to phase in a dual location structure in which the program would continue in Moscow while Boise activities would expand over time into a second location where the law degree could be earned (perhaps with a part-time study option). Under this approach law teaching, research, and outreach would eventually be conducted by the University of Idaho at both Moscow and Boise. This approach would require one or two new faculty members in Moscow, ten new faculty members initially in Boise (eventually seventeen would be needed).

In the ensuing question and answer period a number of points were raised. Our liaison in Idaho Falls asked if legal training could be extended, via distance education, to Idaho Falls and other locations in the state. Dean Burnett replied that current accreditor standards prohibited more than twelve credits of distance education classes from being used toward an accredited degree. Brandt also pointed out that currently the Law School does not provide distance education courses to Boise, though there are courses that originate in Boise that are fed to Moscow. The dean was reminded of the university's attempt to expand educational opportunities in engineering to Boise and how, once they were successful they had been swallowed by the insatiable maw of Boise State's ambition. The dean admitted there were risks here, but that there were equal or greater risks in doing nothing.

Health Benefits for 2008: Linda Peavey, Director of Benefit Services presented an overview, badly constrained by time limitations, of the new cafeteria health insurance plans offered for 2008. While the devil, as always is in the details, the major changes can probably be summarized fairly succinctly. The by-now traditional A and B plans would be continued to be offered, but they would cost appreciably more (in recognition of the fact that health insurance costs continued to rise at double or more of the inflation rate and the fact that the legislature had appropriated no increase to cover those increases). Beside these traditional plans a new plan, "H" (why "C" and all the other intervening letters were passed over was not explained) was presented. This plan combined higher deductibles with a health savings plan (different from the flexible spending accounts available with the other plans in that money put in to the health savings plan, if not used for reimbursing medical expenses, would eventually be the participant's to spend anyway he or she chose). With this plan the participant paid more upfront, and thus became aware of the true cost of medical treatments and thus, one hoped, a wiser consumer thereof, but under most scenarios would pay less overall.

Ms. Peavey emphasized the complexities of choice for any of the offered plans and urged council members and their constituents to pay close attention and to use the various online tools soon to be available to estimate which plan would provide the most benefits to him or her and his or her family.

Adjournment: The hour having yet again grown late, it was moved and seconded (Wilson, Schmiede) to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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

TO: Faculty Council
FROM: Douglas Adams, Faculty Secretary
SUBJECT: Committee Appointments
DATE: October 4, 2007

The following appointments were approved by Committee on Committees to Faculty Council committees:

Faculty

Fine Arts

Ramirose Attebury, Library
Roman Montoto, Architecture
Guadalupe Perez-Anzaldo, Foreign Languages

Parking

Zonglie Hong, MMBB

Safety & Loss Control Committee

Lori Baker Eveleth to replace Ray Dacey (Business & Economics)

Scientific Misconduct

Dale Goble, Chair (Law)
Eric Aston, Chemical Engineering
Bruce Miller, MMBB

Student Financial Aid

Glen Utzman, Accounting

Teaching & Advising Committee

Cheryl Johnson, English replace Jerine Pegg

University Committee on General Education

Robert Caisley, Theatre replace Karen Guilfoyle

University Curriculum Committee

Edwin Odom, Mechanical Engineering to replace Keith Prisbrey (retiring)

ASUI

Affirmative Action & Disability Affairs

- David Church

Committee on Committees

- Amy Huddleston

Curriculum Committee

- John Adkins
- Garrett Holbrook

Facilities Scheduling Policy Committee

- Kylie Grounhout
- Sara Schmoie

Grievance Committee for Student employees

- Tricia Crump
- Ashley Cochran
- Lauren McConnell

Information Technology Committee

- Amy Huddleston

Judicial Council

- Megan Steele
- Scott Smith
- Marika Pitman
- Jake Parker

Juntura

- Tori Cook
- Pedro Garcia
- Lauren McConnell

Library Affairs Committee

- Charles Chambers

Parking Committee

- Cameron Michael
- Dean Throop

Student Financial Aid Committee

- Chris Shirts
- Justin Kilian

Teaching and Advising Committee

- Katie Scott