Present: Bitterwolf, Chun, Finnie, Goodwin, Guenthner, Haggart (w/o vote), Hong, Kraut, Lillard, McCaffrey, McClure, Meier, Murray, Nelson, Nielsen, Norby, Olson, Pikowsky, Pitcher (w/o vote), Smelser  

Absent: Chandler, Thompson 

Observers: 8

Call to Order. A quorum being present, Provost Brian Pitcher called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Brink Hall Faculty Lounge.

Report on the New Council. Faculty Secretary, Peter Haggart, reported that elections were complete for all of the positions on the council except for the College of Education, College of Natural Resources, and the Graduate Student Association. All have been notified on several occasions.

Election of Officers. It was moved and seconded (Nelson, Chun) to suspend the council rules and proceed immediately to the election of officers for the 2001-2002 Faculty Council.

Election of Chair. Nominations were called for the office of chair of Faculty Council. Professor Ronald Smelser was nominated. No other names were put forward, so the provost declared that the nomination process was closed. Professor Smelser was elected chair by unanimous vote.

Election of Vice Chair. After a brief explanation of the duties, nominations were called for the office of vice chair of Faculty Council. Professor Joseph McCaffrey was nominated, but declined the nomination. Professor Wendy McClure was nominated, but also declined the nomination. Professor Thomas Bitterwolf was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other names were put forward, so the provost declared that the nomination process was closed. Professor Bitterwolf was elected vice chair by unanimous vote.

Provost Pitcher offered thanks to Professors Smelser and Bitterwolf for their willingness to serve in these leadership positions. He also noted that just as was the case with the previous year’s council officers, the quality of leadership has proved to be important in the way that issues were brought before the council and handled during their consideration. Speaking for the whole council, Pitcher noted that the new officers have the full support of the council. The council responded with a warm round of applause for the new officers.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the 2001-2002 Faculty Council will be at the call of the chair.

Adjournment. Professor Lillard, in the time honored tradition of her predecessor from the College of Law (Councilor Goble), moved for adjournment of the meeting. It was duly seconded, and the provost adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Haggart 
Secretary of the Faculty Council