Call to Order. A quorum being present, Acting Provost Hatch called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m. in the Brink Hall Faculty Lounge.

Report on 2003-2004 Council Elections. Faculty Secretary,Peter Haggart reported that all of the elections for college faculty representatives, appointment of the Dean’s Council representative, and the election of a new undergraduate student representative had been completed. Unfortunately, he had not been informed of the outcome of the elections in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and therefore, those representatives had not been informed of this meeting. He then proceeded to introduce the new members of the 2003-2004 Faculty Council who were present at this meeting:

• Dean Donald Burnett from the College of Law
• Undergraduate Student Representative Chris Dockrey
• College of Letters, Arts and Social Science Representative Professor William Woolston
• College of Engineering Representative Professor Jeffrey Young

Hatch congratulated the new members on their appointment and election to the council.

Election of Officers. It was moved and seconded (Bitterwolf, Fairchild) to suspend the council rules and proceed immediately to the election of officers for the 2003-2004 Faculty Council. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Election of the Chair. Acting Provost Hatch called for nominations for the office of Chair of Faculty Council. Professor Francis Wagner was nominated. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote. It was moved and seconded that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Professor Wagner. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Election of the Vice Chair. Professors Haggart and Wagner briefly outlined the duties of the vice chair. Wagner emphasized that he intended to have the vice chair work closely with him and be included in all matters concerning council business. Acting Provost Hatch then called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of Faculty Council. Professor Jeffrey Bailey was nominated. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote. It was moved and seconded that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Professor Bailey. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Remarks by Chair Wagner. Hatch turned the gavel over to the new council chair. Chair Wagner told the new council that he was very grateful for their support. He said that the council lost some good members this year, but he knew that the newly elected members would step forward to fill that void. Wagner asked for the help and guidance of the council as we faced another difficult year. However, he believes that the council is up to the challenges that lay ahead. Wagner concluded his remarks by saying that he was really looking forward to working with the council in the coming year.

Acting Provost Hatch joined Professor Wagner in noting that the U of Idaho is a quality institution of higher education with bright students and dedicated faculty and staff. Hatch remarked that our common goal of obtaining national recognition in teaching and research remains as one of the university’s top priorities. He said that we will come through the current crisis and remain on course to meet that goal.

Adjournment. It was moved and seconded (Lillard, McGuire) to adjourn. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote, and newly elected Chair Wagner gaveled the meeting to a close at 4:41 p.m.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the 2003-2004 Faculty Council will be at the beginning of the fall semester at the call of the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Haggart
Secretary of the Faculty