Present: Adekanmbi, Anderson (Mike), Anderson (Miranda), Barbour, Brandt, Brewick, Brown, Cannon (Boise), Caplan, Chung, Crowley (w/o vote), Dallas, Folwell, Godfrey (Coeur d’Alene), Hrdlicka, Johnson, Morrison, Panttaja, Payant, Stevenson for Wiencek (w/o vote), Vella. Absent: Boschetti, Donohoe, Fisher, Foster, Hiromoto (Idaho Falls), Markuson, Nicotra, Pregitzer, Sixtos, Wiencek (w/o vote). Guests: 1

Vice Provost Jeanne Stevenson called the meeting to order at 4:45. She explained that the sole purpose of the meeting was to elect next year’s Chair and Vice Chair to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty-Staff Handbook (FSH) requires that there be a three day waiting period between the nominations and the election unless the rules are waived by everyone present. A motion (Folwell/Brewick) to waive the rules to allow for an election today passed unanimously. Ballots were passed out to everyone for the purpose of making nominations for Chair. This year’s Vice Chair Professor Elizabeth Brandt (college of law) was the only person nominated. A motion (Brewick/Folwell) to elect Professor Brandt as Chair of Faculty Senate passed unanimously.

Vice Provost Stevenson opened the nominations for Vice Chair. A Senator asked if anyone on the Senate could be nominated including staff members and students. The Faculty Secretary noted that the FSH was silent on this point, but tradition suggested that only faculty could serve. A Senator also pointed out that we ought to be careful about this since staff have less availability to release time and might be more exposed than a faculty member. A Senator asked about the role of the Vice Chair. The Vice Chair serves as Chair of Committee on Committees and serves in various other capacities as determined by the Chair or in the Chair’s absence preside over Senate meetings. There was also a short discussion of whether the Vice Chair automatically became Chair the next year and thus could a third year Senator be Vice Chair. The Faculty Secretary stated that there isn’t anything automatic about a Vice Chair being elected Chair, although that was usually the case. We also recently changed the FSH to allow a Senator to serve consecutive terms in part to make it possible for Senators in their third year to become Vice Chair after being re-elected to the Senate.

Following this discussion four Senators were nominated for the position of Vice Chair. Luigi Boschetti, Patrick Hrdlicka, Chuck Morrison and Jodie Nicotra. Two of the Senators nominated were not present and thus it wasn’t possible to immediately to determine if they were willing to serve. After some discussion, a motion (Folwell/Hrdlicka) was made to vote by email after the Faculty Secretary’s Office determined who was willing to serve. This motion passed unanimously. It was further determined that the Faculty Secretary’s Office would send out ballots by email with a specified time frame for Senators to vote.

Adjournment: The question of who would be the next Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate being undetermined, it was moved (Folwell/Hrdlicka) that the meeting adjourn. This motion passed unanimously at 5:08.

Faculty Secretary Note: Of the four Senators nominated Patrick Hrdlicka (College of Science), Chuck Morrison (Faculty at Large) and Jodie Nicotra (CLASS) agreed to serve if elected. The election was conducted. Following FSH rules no one received a majority after the first ballot and the person with the least votes was eliminated. A second ballot was sent out and in a close election Patrick Hrdlicka was elected.

Respectfully submitted,

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