IAS Faculty Council Minutes—Tuesday, October 23
Present: Larry Knopp, Jenny Quinn, Ingrid Walker, Ellen Moore [note taker], Steve Ross, Michael Kula; Deirdre Raynor.

Larry called the meeting to order at 12:30. The minutes were approved by the Council pending minor revisions.

In the report from IAS Administration, Administrative Leadership (Larry and Jenny) introduced a series of topics related to faculty work load and expectations, including the concern regarding the relatively low number of courses designated as “Writing” (“W”), as some majors do not have enough of them for their students to meet requirements. As a result, future action likely will be proposed to increase the number of “W” designated courses, although, as noted by Deirdre, the rise in class size often precludes the “W” aspect of courses. Leadership also noted concerns regarding expectations of course scheduling (eg, who teaches at what time(s) throughout the year), with Jenny suggesting that the Council consider if it wants to bring the issue to the faculty as a whole. Then, leadership noted that many faculty were unwilling to list a secondary major affiliation, possibly due to perceptions that it will add to work load. Leadership suggested that work load issues be a priority for the Council.

Regarding action items, the council approved the part-time faculty positions in Art of Tollefson and Bell.

For discussion items, the Council noted the need to determine a faculty chair for this academic year. Steve offered to set the schedule in advance of each meeting. Items on the agenda not addressed included: the use of “clickers”; salary increase recommendation processes; theories of IAS faculty space usage; faculty mentoring; and support for ELL students.

Council adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.