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Inter-Office Memorandum

Subject Advisement for Minority Students

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This memo serves to clarify some points regarding our recent discussion on advisement for minority students and to offer one possible solution. As you well know, advisement for minority students is a prime concern on campuses throughout the nation. At Idaho we envision using minority faculty persons as co-advisors with regular academic advisors to better serve the many concerns of minority students. Using this approach, each minority student would have an individual with whom they feel comfortable to discuss personal matters as well as receiving competent advisement on their subject matter areas.

I have talked with Ms. Ruth Krukar and Professor Ken Johnson about their willingness to serve their respective groups. They feel the plan a good one but express a real concern that they simply cannot take on this added responsibility without some reduction in their scheduled load. The best alternative appears to be to give the minority faculty persons responsible for minority advisement a concomitant reduction in academic loads.

We understand that a vacancy in the Student Advisory Services is currently receiving application and that a minority person is being sought. It is unclear how much time this individual could devote to minority counseling matters. The present job description indicates that only a small portion of time would be available.

A question of interest becomes evident when the selection of an individual to serve such a role comes up. Each minority may wish to be served by his or her own representative.

The plan to use faculty seems to hold most promise. Realizing that those involved require reduced loads, we need some direction as how to facilitate a reduction in faculty assignment to support the request for additional minority counseling.

We would appreciate your counsel on this matter.

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