

Faculty Assembly Meeting  
10/11/2006

Faculty in Attendance:

Zoe Barsness, Kathleen Beaudoin, Tom Carlson, Erin Casey, Linda Dawson, Tom Diehm, Marjorie Dobratz, Charles Emler, Laura Feuerborn, Jerry Finn, Michael Forman, Kelly Forrest, James Gawel, Cheryl Greengrove, Bob Jackson, Michael Kalton, Marinilka Kimbro, Diane Kinder, William Kunz, Janice Laakso, Karen Landenburger, Marcie Lazzarri, Nita McKinley, George Mobus, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Jill Purdy, Dolores Ramirez, Johann Reusch, Eugene Sivadas, Pat Spakes, Marcy Stein, Cathy Tashiro, Tracy Thompson, Charles Williams, Alan Wood, Daniel Zimmerman

Faculty Assembly Assistant: Jamie Kelley

Guests:

Milt Tremblay, Director of Facilities and Campus Services; Ysabel Trinidad, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services

Meeting called to order at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes from May 18, 2006 and September 19, 2006 were approved.

Announcements:

Faculty members were requested for committees. Marcy needs to appoint additional faculty to non-FA committees on campus to enhance faculty representation. Jerry volunteered to recruit people. Jerry requested committee lists, and suggested we review the process for becoming part of a new committee. How are people appointed/elected? Marcy mentioned that committees should not be seen as trivial, and that we need to figure out how to do business at UWT.

Marcy stressed the importance of the Strategic Planning Committee to UWT, and reminded everyone that people are needed for this committee.

Karen Landenburger let people know that there are faculty and student meetings scheduled to discuss the VCAA search next week.

Marcy reminded everyone about Ana Mari Cauce's visit to the UWT campus on 10-17-06, to discuss the results of the LCV ("Climate Report").

Marcy mentioned the meeting with Bothell's GFO campus. Marcy and Steve will be working with Gail Stygall to sort out the relationship of the Bothell and Tacoma campuses to Seattle. Marcy mentioned the addition of institution building to UWT's T & P criteria, which would help differentiate UWT's identity from that of Seattle. Hopefully,

this would encourage UWT faculty to become more involved in service, while getting credit for the service.

Marcy gave an overview of the first meeting of the Executive Council of the Faculty Senate. She said the two major items discussed were: 1. 520 bridge reconstruction  
2. Regents unhappy with the 2% annual merit raise; should UWT move to a step system?

The Interdisciplinary Research Committee needs to take a look across campuses, not just at Seattle colleges. Jim mentioned that Seattle is recombining departments and changing the college and school structures. He suggested that we keep tabs on this process.

The report regarding the community's perception of the UW was discussed. There were issues of access, and retraction of admission of incoming freshman. It was felt that UWT and UWB should be more involved in discussion with the legislature regarding access. Marcy suggested inviting David Lovell to a future FA meeting.

Faculty Affairs Report, Cathy Tashiro:

Cathy sent out a call to faculty about: faculty workload issues, number of credit/contact hours, internships/independent studies, and service. She feels that we should look at equivalents on sister campuses. Other growing concerns were parking, and the status of the faculty lounge.

Budget Committee (Chancellor's committee) Report, Jill Purdy:

The role of the faculty reps is to serve as a liaison with the faculty. The biggest issue is trying to get a budget process in place. Jill distributed a handout with a proposed annual budget process. The faculty must contribute to the strategic plan, and having a process in place presents an opportunity for faculty input. This year's process will be reviewed and refined further, suggestions are welcome and requested. Marinilka mentioned that the two current faculty reps are from Milgard, and that this was an issue among faculty. She believes that the Budget Committee will take faculty reps' input seriously, and that the reps represent the faculty first and foremost. Jim Gawel asked if the process flow chart came with a time frame, and Jill said the process would be moving quickly and suggested faculty make suggestions soon.

Marcy mentioned that Bothell's GFO has a standing committee for budget and strategic planning and that maybe UWT's FA needs one as well.

Zoe mentioned that there may not always be adequate input at the unit/program level, and stated that faculty need to know how budget decisions/allocations are being made at the unit level. Jill said that enforcing this had been a topic at their meeting. Zoe feels that no process has been established to involve faculty input. Marcy reiterated that perhaps FA needs to move forward in creating an FA budget and strategic planning committee.

Milt Tremblay on Faculty Lounge:

Milt spoke about the desire for a faculty lounge on campus. He met with Bob Jackson last year, and conducted a survey to determine what it was that the faculty wanted in a lounge. The results were all over the place: quiet vs. active space, a place to drink vs. exercise; and suggestions for location varied. What does the faculty want to do with the survey info.? It seems clear that the faculty wants a space, but location needs to be part of the strategic plan: temporary or permanent location desired? Milt said that he would continue to work with faculty, and Marcy suggested that Faculty Affairs continue to work on the issue with Milt as well.

Ysabel Trinidad-new Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services:

Ysabel introduced herself and discussed her background and hopes for her experience at UWT.

Quorum issues:

Marcy brought up the quorum issue, and reiterated that faculty cannot get work done without a quorum. How will we function if we continue to not have a quorum? How can we deal with this issue?

Marinilka suggested that we investigate the reasons for low attendance at Faculty Assembly meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.