

**University of Washington Tacoma**  
**Campus Faculty Meeting**  
Monday, October 10, 1994  
Room 714 - Perkins Bldg.  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Present:** *Business Administration* - Fandt, Booms, Nelson, Purdy, Thompson  
*Education* - Butchart, Louie, Schulhauser, Stein.  
*Liberal Studies* - Brown, Allen, Crawford, D'Costa, Gorbman, Honey, Kalton,  
Kasaba, May, Morris, Parker, Stevens-Long  
*Nursing* - Fought, Landenburger, Primomo

**I. Call to Order:** Acting Dean Bill Richardson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. Announcements.**

**A. Brown Bag Lunch Series**

Faculty agreed with Janet Primomo's suggestion that a monthly brown bag lunch discussion would be a stimulating way of sharing scholarship and keeping abreast of program or community developments. Janet volunteered to organize the first such lunch for November; focus topic will be determined by volunteer presenter.

**B. UWT Committees**

Faculty responded to a revised copy of UWT Committees; further changes will be made and copies sent to all faculty. In response to Gorbman's question about committee terms of service, Dean Richardson noted that the committees determined terms of service but reasonable rotation is expected to provide newer faculty with opportunities to participate.

**C. UWT Participation in Community Events**

For autumn quarter, faculty participated in the development of the following events that link UWT with the surrounding multi-cultural community:

"Asia/America: Identities in Contemporary Asian American Art" - lecture by Margo Machida on October 13 at the Tacoma Art Museum (UWT, Action for the Arts and Phi Alpha Theta).

French Film Festival cosponsored by the French Ministry of Culture, French Cultural Services, Unifrance Film, the Tacoma Film Society, October 13-22, 1994 (D'Costa and Gorbman).

"Land and Labor in the West: Perspectives on Chicano Studies." October 22, 1994 (UW Labor and Ethnic Studies Teacher's Forum, Honey).

"The Making of a Chicano Working Class: Past, Present, Future" - Public Lecture by David Montejano, Professor of History and Sociology, University of Texas, Austin. October 24, 1994 - First Baptist Church of Tacoma. (UWT Liberal Studies Program and the Martin Luther King Institute - Honey).

Tour of Seattle Asian Art Museum, November 5, 1994 (Parker).

Public Reading: Peter Bacho will read selections from his novel Cebu, poetry about Filipino history and cultural identity. November 7, 1994 - First Baptist Church of Tacoma (UWT Actions for Arts and Phi Alpha Theta).

Tour of Tacoma Korean Buddhist Temple - November 19, 1994 (Kalton).

**III. UWT Mission Statement (May)**

It was moved (Primomo) and seconded to refer the current draft of the UWT Mission Statement to the UWT Strategic Planning Committee for fine-tuning. During discussion, in response to questions by Landenburger, May noted that the Subcommittee had reached a point where further discussion would not be productive and that there were some questions on depth and policy that require review by another group. Kalton noted that a full review might be prolonged simply because of the size of the Strategic Planning Committee; however, Primomo's motion carried and the Mission Statement will be reviewed first by Strategic Planning, then by the Dean. The resulting draft will then be returned for full faculty review at the winter quarter meeting.

**IV. Faculty Governance (Kalton)**

Discussion centered around the Joint Faculty Council and its relevance to the branch campuses today. Kalton noted that the Council played an important advisory role before the appointment of Deans to Bothell and Tacoma, especially relating to the issues of faculty tenure and promotion. Kalton observed that that wisdom should not be lost to the branches even though their respective administrations will assume much of the responsibility for faculty issues. He observed that thus far the branches have not encountered faculty problems that may in future require the assistance or intervention by a body such as the Joint Faculty Council, and the Council's experience and wisdom should not be lost to either campus.

Currently, the Tacoma campus is represented by four members on the Council. Gorbman and Kalton noted that aside from the tenure issues, the Council is a good forum for sharing general information on academic and program development. Since Bothell has already established a Faculty Senate, Kalton and Tacoma's other representatives on the Council will evaluate what steps are necessary for Tacoma to develop a Faculty Senate, and define the respective roles of a Senate, Strategic Planning Committees, and the Joint Council. They will report back at the Winter Quarter Faculty Meeting.

**V. Writing at UWT (Brown)**

Brown noted that Liberal Studies faculty have had extensive discussions about improving the writing of UWT students. Faculty members recognize that the problems associated with writing are not isolated to liberal studies, but became prominent in that venue because analysis and writing are major components of all Liberal Studies courses. Nursing and Education faculty have also observed students who do well in their respective fields, but experience difficulty in self-expression when taking Liberal Studies electives.

Faculty shared Brown's opinion that all programs need to be responsible for improving writing across the curriculum, even though the majority of "writing" courses fall under Liberal Studies. Stevens-Long expressed the difficulty professors face in trying to review and give meaningful feedback on 3-4 papers apiece for even 40 students per quarter. This prompted discussion of alternatives to writing individual papers. Some faculty support collaborative group work with verbal presentations as acceptable alternatives to individual papers. Journal writing is another method of acceptable self-expression, but if journals are not graded or reviewed and commented upon, the student may keep repeating poor writing habits.

Stein noted that the Education Program has designated one course to provide students with ample opportunity to write and have their work reviewed. Fandt offered that the Business Program has also designed a "W" course and Landenburger stated that many Nursing courses include significant writing components.

The writing problems of students, and developing reasonable approaches to the issues, will be studied by a subcommittee consisting initially of Morris, D'Costa, Kalikoff (Director of the Writing Center), Honey, and Kalton. The names of representatives from Business, Education and Nursing will be forwarded to Morris. The subcommittee will develop guidelines on how to approach the UWT goal of improving student writing. The guidelines will be distributed to faculty for discussion at the winter quarter faculty meeting. Stein noted that following the development of guidelines, faculty need to be consistent in their approach to helping students improve their writing skills.

**VI. Arts and Lectures**

Richardson announced that \$5000 has been designated for an all-campus arts and lectures and a committee. He asked faculty for volunteers from each academic program to serve with a representative of Classified and Professional Staff (CAPS).

**VII. Adjournment.**

Richardson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The Winter Quarter Faculty meeting is scheduled for January 30, 1995. The spring meeting is scheduled for April 10, 1995. Both meetings will be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in room 714, Perkins Building.