

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA
Faculty Assembly

Minutes for the May 22, 2000 Faculty Assembly Meeting.

Members in attendance:

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| 1. Rob Crawford, Chair | 17. Marcie Lazzari |
| 2. David Morris, Vice Chair | 18. Ginger MacDonald |
| 3. John Banks | 19. Divya McMillin |
| 4. Jim Brown | 20. Julie Nicoletta |
| 5. Anthony D'Costa | 21. Sam Parker |
| 6. Linda Demarteau | 22. Jill Purdy |
| 7. Steve DeTray | 23. Deirdre Raynor |
| 8. Denise Drevdahl | 24. Ruth Rea |
| 9. Charles Emlet | 25. Joe Sharkey |
| 10. Mike Forman | 26. Richard Stackman |
| 11. Jim Gawel | 27. Marcy Stein |
| 12. Cheryl Greengrove | 28. Katy Tangenberg |
| 13. Mark Harniss | 29. Cathy Tashiro |
| 14. Mike Honey | 30. Tracy Thompson |
| 15. Mike Kalton | 31. Alexis Wilson |
| 16. Janice Laakso | |

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes from the December 6, 1999 and February 25, 2000 meetings were read and approved.

The main agenda item was a change in the by-laws regarding a quorum. It was reported that given the growing size of the faculty it has become increasingly difficult to achieve a quorum at meetings. Though Faculty Assembly may evolve into a representative body, the proposed change will allow for an "assembly of the whole" for the foreseeable future. A discussion of the proposed language ensued. Questions/concerns addressed: (1) Does electronic notification count as written notice? (Response: Yes); (2) Who is considered faculty? (Response: Any tenured, tenure-track, senior lecturer, or full-time lecturer); and (3) Is there a need for a minimum number of faculty members for a quorum? (Response: There was considerable discussion about the absence of a minimum required number. Given that the By-laws (not the Handbook) stipulate that "Any faculty member may request a vote of the full Faculty Assembly on any motion. The Assembly shall vote to determine whether the vote on this motion shall be extended to the full voting body." Given that the Faculty Assembly should revisit the issue next year if problems emerged of too few at Faculty Assembly meetings, it was decided to leave the minimum number unspecified.) A friendly amendment from Jill Purdy was accepted clarifying language.

Section 5,A.2 (Voting Procedures, Definition of Quorum) Proposed Revision (amended text in italics):

"Quorum. For the purposes of voting on UWT Faculty Assembly elections and business, a quorum (*defined as a majority of eligible faculty members minus members excused from the Faculty Assembly meeting for which a quorum is sought; to count as excused, a faculty member must give written notice to the Vice Chair or the Vice Chair's designee prior to the scheduled meeting*) of a simple majority shall be required."

Mike Kalton moved and Cheryl Greengrove seconded that the by law change be approved. The vote was unanimous.

A list of Faculty Assembly nominations was distributed to members attending the meeting. Marcie Lazzari asked that Jane Macy (from Social Work) put listed on the ballot in lieu of Tom Diehm for Arts and Lectures. Additional nominations were solicited. None were provided. Rob Crawford noted that he was continuing as Chair for one more year to provide for a more orderly transition, and the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair would be open again next year for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Chair Rob Crawford began his "Report from the Chair" by thanking (1) those standing for election, (2) those continuing to serve on Faculty Assembly committees and those individuals chairing standing committees, (3) Barbara Ryan, (3) Vice Chair Davis Morris, (4) the entire Executive Committee, (5) Associate Dean Jim Brown, and (6) Chancellor Vicky Carwein. Rob Crawford emphasized the importance of faculty governance (and faculty involvement) given the powers bestowed by the Faculty Code (e.g., general welfare, student conduct, scholastic standards, student degree recommendations, and university budget recommendations).

Rob Crawford also reported on the progress of tri-campus legislation. He emphasized how the year-long process has been difficult but ultimately beneficial. Broad areas of agreement have been achieved and Rob believes that the Bothell faculty, Senate leadership, the President, and our own Chancellor are supportive of the effort. Draft legislation has now been circulated and the Executive Committee (EC) will be reviewing the details of the draft at its next meeting. The EC will make recommendations to the FA for its June 9 meeting.

Rob Crawford's concluded his comments by noting important issues for next year – the search for a Vice Chancellor and the need for increasing faculty participation. On-going issues include increasing scholarship support, workload reductions, salary compression/inversion, and the Teaching and Learning Roundtable.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of "New Business."

1. Cheryl Greengrove recommended that the UWT campus needed more ombudsperson-like resources that were more local and permanent. She noted that the Seattle Senate had conciliators, and that our own Faculty Assembly could have someone trained to fill such a role.
2. Jill Purdy noted that there was no guidance for faculty members with respect to faculty-student relationships. Other faculty members concurred that there is a need for more formal guidelines to protect the interests of faculty.
3. Jim Gawel stated his interest in attending talks at UWS. These talks are also of interest to students. A request was made to pursue televised broadcasts of selected UWS events.
4. Rob Crawford proposed and Michael Forman seconded a resolution instructing the EC to develop and bring back to the next Faculty Assembly meeting a draft resolution in support of a faculty research priority in UWT's part of the University of Washington capital fund-raising campaign. The resolution was approved unanimously.
5. Anthony D'Costa asked that there be on-going discussions on FTE growth rates.
6. Mark Harniss requested that faculty receive an update on the developing grant-seeking policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.