

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
FACULTY ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007
TACOMA ROOM
12:50-2pm

In Attendance: Orlando Baiocchi, Kathy Beaudoin, Bonnie Becker, Erin Casey, Rob Crawford, Sian Davies-Vollum, Joyce Dinglasan-Panlilio, Marjorie Dobratz, Ehsan Feroz, Jerry Finn, Michael Forman, Kelly Forrest, Jim Gawel, Cheryl Greengrove, Beth Kalikoff, Mike Kalton, Diane Kinder, Bill Kunz, Janice Laakso, Karen Landenburger, June Lowenberg, Nita McKinley, Divya McMillan, George Mobus, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Mark Pendras, Janet Primomo, Jennifer Quinn, Johann Reusch, Jose Rios, Peter Selkin, Eugene Sivas, Pat Spakes, Marcy Stein, Christine Stevens, Ankur Teredesai, Larry Wear, Dan Zimmerman

Assistant to the Faculty Assembly: Jamie Kelley

Guests: JW Harrington, Elise Ralph

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Report from Chancellor Spakes
4. Report from J.W. Harrington, UW Faculty Legislative Rep.
5. Report from Elise Ralph from Sponsored Research
6. Report on Strategic Planning
7. Schools and Colleges Discussion
8. Adjournment

1. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from October 10th were approved.

3. Report from Chancellor Spakes:

See attachment 1.

4. Report from J.W. Harrington, UW Faculty Legislative Rep.:

J.W. Harrington was invited to the UWT campus to discuss the work he has been doing as the UW Faculty Legislative Representative. He can be reached for questions at jwh@u.washington.edu.

One aspect of his position in Olympia is to educate the legislators on the details of faculty governance. One of the initiatives on which he is working, is the addition of a faculty member to the Board of Regents, a process that is likely to take awhile.

There is currently an Ad-hoc Committee on Special Legislative affairs which meets four times a year. A Deputy Faculty Legislative Representative is being solicited for next year. This is a three year term.

On Wednesday, January 23rd, the Council of Faculty Legislative Representatives is organizing a Faculty research Presentation in Olympia to showcase research that serves the state. JW asked that faculty contact him for further details.

JW also expressed interest in putting together a rapid response team who would work via e-mail. Interested parties would send out individually worded messages with comments about pending legislation through their personal e-mail accounts.

Marcy Stein mentioned that it was a goal of the UWT Faculty Assembly to improve the linkage between the UWT Faculty Assembly and the UW Faculty Senate.

Janet Primomo offered that UWT should have faculty representatives on the Council on Budget and Planning, and requests any thought/comments anyone might have on this. The faculty and administration are working together for continuity on this issue.

5. Report from Elise Ralph on F&A funds:

Elise passed out a document on the use of F&A funds. See attachment 2.

6. Update on Strategic Planning:

The Strategic Planning Committee has collected faculty feedback on the latest draft of the Goals Statement. The committee will meet soon and draft another statement to send out to the faculty.

7. Schools and Colleges Discussion:

The Faculty Assembly is attempting to “take the temperature” on campus with regards to the addition of Schools and Colleges at UWT. Specifically, Faculty Assembly would like to know, aside from accreditation issues, how the faculty at UWT feels about this change

The EC representatives have had discussions with their programs to review the favored models. The EC will develop more models if necessary and at some point during the winter quarter, Faculty Assembly will create a Catalyst survey to determine the preferred models.

EC members gave brief reports representing their program faculty.

Bill Kunz said that IAS would be willing to add areas to, but not take away areas from IAS as a unit. IAS would like to become a College. A question that remained in IAS was where mathematics should be located, in IAS or the Institute of Technology. Most IAS faculty would like to keep mathematics in IAS. The Psychology faculty would like to remain a part of IAS, as well.

Janet Primomo spoke for Sharon Fought (EC member who was unable to attend the meeting). The Nursing department feels that Model A is the only acceptable model. They feel that Nursing should be clearly identified in the title (i.e.: IINH). The Nursing department thinks that IAS should become a College, and that perhaps each new College should have “interdisciplinary” in the title.

Donald Chinn reported that IT has not had their department meeting as of yet, but the S&C discussion has been added to the agenda for their November 16th meeting. He did receive some e-mail responses about the models, however. One person felt that Models A and D were bad because they isolated IT. Another faculty member thought that Model A would have problems without a rotating Chair. Someone else thought the discussion is premature given where we are in the Strategic Planning process. Another faculty member suggested a College of Natural Sciences.

Stern Neill stated that the Milgard School of Business will support whatever model the faculty choose.

Janice Laakso reported that the majority of the Social Work Program favored Model A, and the minority favored Model C. They did not care for the naming of Model D (School of Health and Human Services), due to the differences in Human Services and Social Work degrees.

Marcy Stein (speaking for Greg Benner, Education EC member), said that some faculty in the Education Program support the HEW Model, because it would give them the opportunity to work with other colleagues. However, the full report from the Education Program was not available.

Mark Pendas said that Urban Studies prefers an Urban Environmental/International Affairs Model, and four, rather than three Schools. They do not care for the idea of one large School or College.

The Catalyst Discussion Board is still active, and all faculty are encouraged to post comments and concerns. There will be a Special Meeting of Schools and Colleges in January.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.