

Faculty Assembly Minutes

April 21, 2004

12:55-2:15 pm, Keystone Auditorium

1. Mike Kalton, Chair of Faculty Assembly, announced that today's meeting would be devoted to discussion on some changes in the wording of tenure and promotion process. The next meeting will be directed toward voting on these changes.
2. Jack Nelson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, made several announcements. Among them, he mentioned that on April 28 (Wednesday) the House committee on higher education will hold a meeting at UWT. It is intended for UWT. The other sessions will involve the UWT community, community colleges, and community leaders.

Jack is forming a committee to undertake a self-study of UWT. Two faculty will serve on this committee. There is a deadline of November 15, 2004.

There is a tentative budget. There are no cuts in Seattle. There will be a 2% merit increase for faculty, which is self-funded. UWT's source will be tuition revenues. He also mentioned that a request for 85 FTEs have been made but he thinks fewer students will be funded.

He felt there ought to be discussions about the direction of UWT in terms of enrollment and expansion during the 05-07 biennium. Between four and five hundred FTEs are being requested.

Mike agreed to send out an announcement regarding the schedule of meeting with the House committee on higher education on April 28.

3. Mike mentioned, echoing Steve Olswang, the interim Chancellor, that we the faculty could do whatever we wanted with the handbook but it must go through the Chancellor's office.
4. At this point Mike asked the Faculty Council on Tenure and Promotion to present their report. Tracy Thompson, on behalf of the Chair Bob Jackson and members of FCTP presented the report. A lively discussion ensued with little consensus on the changes proposed. Some felt changes were not necessary, while others felt the changes proposed did not directly address the problems the changes were intended to address. It was evident that more work will have to be done regarding T&P process, the handbook, and Appendix B.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

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