

**Faculty Assembly Minutes  
December 12, 2001**

*APPROVED on February 14, 2002*

Members in attendance:

1. Richard Stackman, Chair
2. Janet Primomo, V.Chair
3. Jack Nelson, Vice Chancellor
4. Kären Landenburger
5. June Lowenberg
6. Linda Desmarteau
7. Marjorie Dobratz
8. Steve DeTray
9. Jim Gawel
10. Charles Emlet
11. Marcy Stein
12. John Peterson
13. Mark Harniss
14. Rob Crawford
15. Sam Chung
16. Chris Demaske
17. Stern Neill
18. Mark Fiegenger
19. Diane Kinder
20. Myrth Ogilvie
21. Denise Drevdahl
22. Brian Coffey
23. Christine Salazar
24. Bill Richardson
25. Ginger McDonald
26. Marcie Lazzari
27. Moshe Rosenfeld
28. Janet Mobus
29. Kent Nelson
30. Janice Laakso
31. Martyn Kingston
32. George Mobus
33. Katie Amundson
34. Marcy Stein
35. Katie Baird
36. Zoe Barness
37. Deirdre Raynor
38. Sam Parker
39. Yonn Dierwechter
40. George Mobus
41. Kathy Beaudoin
42. Diane Kinder
43. Rachel May
44. Subin Im
45. Michael Forman
45. David Secord
46. Josh Tenenberg
47. David Morris
48. Julie Nicoletta
49. Carolyn West
50. Mike Kalton
51. Vanessa Chio
52. Tom Diehn
53. Joe Sharkey
54. Ruth Rea

55. Suzanne Goren
56. Cheryl Greengrove
57. Larry Crum
58. Bob Howard
59. Don McLane
60. Karen Landenburger

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes. The Faculty Assembly meeting minutes from November 8, 2001 were unanimously approved. The minutes are posted on the UWT Faculty Assembly website.
2. Introduction of UWT Senators: Professor Stackman introduced the newly elected members of the Faculty Senate. Business – Professor Richard Stackman; CSS, IAS, Urban Studies – Professors Julie Nicoletta, David Morris, and George Mobus; Education, Nursing, Social Work – Professors Cathy Tashiro and Mark Harniss. Professor Harniss and Stackman stated they will resign as Senators. New elections will be facilitated by the Faculty Senate.
3. New Business: In light of the current budget situation, Professor Rachel May proposed new business for the Faculty Executive Committee. She requested that Faculty Assembly consider the following resolution:
 

““Because we feel that the loss of any current full-time faculty positions would clearly compromise UWT's mission to serve students. "UWT faculty acknowledge that our fulltime lecturers and senior lecturers teach courses that are integral and essential to our curricula, and that losing those faculty positions would be detrimental to the intellectual integrity of our programs.

UWT faculty urge the campus and university administration to institute a campus wide hiring freeze (for new faculty positions) before any full-time faculty member is denied contract renewal due to lack of funds.”

Professor Cheryl Greengrove requested that Faculty Assembly address the promotion and tenure process. She asked for clarification about criteria. Vice Chancellor (VC) Nelson responded that he would like to hold a discussion as soon as possible. He stated that promotion and tenure is a process that involves multiple levels of reviews (including external reviews) with the ‘expectation that a genuine review is done at each level’. The VC level is one level of review and recommendation; the President makes the final decision (or President and Board of Regents). VC Nelson felt that since UWT is student centered, faculty should be more than competent and ‘sparkle’ at teaching. Scholarship should reflect an unfolding research agenda. The evolving process rather than the quantity is important according to VC Nelson. Jim Gawel followed up with a question regarding the importance of service at UWT. Vice Chancellor Nelson noted that everyone is expected to serve at UWT.

4. Announcements:

Professor Denise Drevdahl reminded faculty that the next Research at Tacoma (RAT) seminar will be held Wednesday, February 20 from 1-2 p.m. in the Tacoma Room. Dr. José Rios will discuss his work. Faculty Assembly Chair Richard Stackman announced that he will resign his position as Faculty Assembly Chair. He will work closely with the Executive Committee to facilitate a transition and ensure UWT Faculty representation on numerous bodies including the Senate Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

UWT Staff and student leaders then joined the Faculty in a “Town Meeting” about the budget situation. Vice Chancellors Nelson and Boyle led the discussion.

Future Faculty Assembly meetings are set for 1 pm:

Thursday, February 14 in the Tacoma Room.  
 Wednesday, March 6 in the Tacoma Room.  
 Thursday, May 2 in the Tacoma Room.  
 Wednesday, June 5 in the Tacoma Room.

Members excused from attending the meeting:

Patricia Fandt  
Jose Rios  
Richard O. Abderhalden  
John Banks  
Belinda Louie  
Cathy Tashiro  
Jill Purdy  
Michael Kucher  
Tracy Thompson  
Alexis Wilson

Members not excused from attending the meeting (if you were there but did not sign in, please let me know):

Michael Allen  
Claudia Gorbman  
Sarah Glenn  
Mary Hanneman  
Andy Lingwall  
Anthony D'Costa  
Divya McMillan  
D.J. Parker  
Guido Preparata  
Rogene Eichler West  
Michael Honey  
Cynthia Duncan  
Rich Knuth  
Beth Kalikoff