

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
FACULTY ASSEMBLY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007
TACOMA ROOM

In Attendance: Bonnie Becker, Erin Casey, Donald Chinn, Sam Chung, Brian Coffey, Linda Dawson, Yonn Dierwechter, Tom Diehm, Charlie Emlet, Laura Feuerborn, Michael Forman, Kelly Forrest, Jerry Finn, Michelle Garner, Jim Gawel, Cheryl Greengrove, Annette Henry, Teresa Holt, Linda Ishem, Mike Kalton, Diane Kinder, Karen Landenburger, Nita McKinley, Don McLane, Divya McMillan, George Mobus, Amos Nascimento, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Greg Noronha, Jill Purdy, Deirdre Raynor, Ruth Rea, Jose Rios, Moshe Rosenfeld, Marcy Stein, Cathy Tashiro, Matthew Weinstein, Charles Williams, Dan Zimmerman

Faculty Assembly Assistant: Jamie Kelley

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Agenda
1. Approval of minutes from Nov. 9th, 2006
2. Report from Chair of Faculty Assembly
3. New Business
4. Adjournment

1. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes from November 9th were approved.

3. Report from Chair of Faculty Assembly:

- a. Faculty Code changes: The Tri-Campus Council forwarded the proposed Handbook changes. These changes propose to clearly define Campuses, Schools, and Colleges.
- b. Climate (LCV) Report: Ana Mari condensed the Climate Report to be sent out before the end of the school year, and before the new Vice-Chancellor is appointed.

4. New Business:

- a. Milt Tremblay and Charles Lord gave an update on UWT campus space issues. The enrollment numbers are higher than expected, and the plan from 2003 is already outdated. They are trying to come up with short-term solutions for the need for classroom, office and library space that are cost-effective. Architects will be used as structural advisors as the campus expands. The Building Committee will address issues of growth and safety. Julie asked if faculty would have input on these decisions. Milt said that Jim, Jim, and Alan will be working to help determine specific needs by program. Marcy mentioned that the EC would discuss having a Faculty Committee on Libraries, but that this would require a bylaws change. The Building Committee is needed for a long-term master plan. Milt suggested that engineers are necessary in dealing with space issues. Marcy thought it would be a good idea if faculty members speak with EC members in their respective programs for updates on changes, etc.

Charles gave an update on current library space. There are no new facilities on the horizon, and it is clear that study space is needed on campus for students. How can we utilize current space, while also considering remote locations as a possible option?

- b. VCAA Search:

Alan gave the Faculty Assembly his thoughts on the strengths needed for an effective Vice Chancellor. He feels that it is very important to match the person with the needs of the campus. In order to do this, it is critical to know yourself as a campus, in order to make the best selection.

Marcy asked Pat about the differentiation between internal and external candidate abilities. Pat feels that it is important to have a balance between the two. There is a need for an experienced candidate, not someone who is looking to grow into the job. Pat believes that knowledge is crucial, along with demonstrated leadership ability. Pat is not as interested in what a candidate would do, as what they have already done. It is important to find someone who wants to be at UWT, not merely using UWT as a stepping stone to something else. UWT is an urban, metro university committed to growth, therefore, the external focus should be on the future direction of UWT. Strategic planning, process, and an implementation of vision are all needed in a leader for UWT. Pat feels that it is important to draw on our strengths from the relationship with the Seattle campus, but that we need to be more independent from Seattle. It is necessary to determine our unique vision at UWT, instead of implementing Seattle's vision.

Karen informed the Faculty Assembly that the Search committee would begin the introduction of the candidates. They have chosen four strong candidates:

Kris Bulcroft
Joyce King
Beth Rushing
Phillip Castille

It was suggested that faculty peruse the Curriculum Vitae for each candidate. Off-List references and Google searches of the candidates were suggested by some as well. The bios online emphasize what the candidates feel is essential about themselves. Jose mentioned that he felt it was important that the candidates have experience dealing with a Research I institution. He also wanted to see evidence that the candidates learned from their mistakes as well as their triumphs. The committee paid special attention to how the candidates treated the members of the committee

Marcy thought the March 8th Faculty Assembly meeting would be a good forum for a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate. She also suggested that faculty members should all bring someone along with them, because it is important for the candidate to recognize faculty involvement on campus.

Jill announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting for three hours a week, every week, until the end of the quarter. Transparency is important to the committee, and questions are encouraged.

Pat mentioned that the UWT staff feels that there is a lack of community and tradition on campus. A faculty/staff picnic is being planned for the beginning of the school year, as well as an all-campus recognition party in May.

There was a call for faculty involvement on a concept committee to plan for campus culture. A different group will implement this each year. If interested, contact Sharon Parker or Marcy Stein.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm