

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
FACULTY ASSEMBLY
MONDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2007
TACOMA ROOM
12:45-2pm

In Attendance: Greg Benner, Donald Chinn, Erica Cline, Sian Davies-Vollum, Chris Demaske, Laura Feuerborn, Michael Forman, Michelle Garner, Jim Gawel, Cheryl Greengrove, Mike Kalton, Marinilka Kimbro, Diane Kinder, Karen Landenberger, Nita McKinley, George Mobus, Amos Nascimento, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Jose Rios, Peter Selkin, Eugene Sivadas, Marcy Stein, Alan Wood, Dan Zimmerman

Faculty Assembly Assistant: Jamie Kelley

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of minutes from March 8, 2007
3. Report from Chair of Faculty Assembly/Announcements
4. Sharon Parker, Assistant Chancellor for Equity and Diversity
5. Report from the Budget Committee
6. Report from the Strategic Planning Committee
7. Preliminary discussion of Schools and Colleges
8. Adjournment

1. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes from March 8th were approved.

3. Report from Chair of Faculty Assembly/Announcements:

VCAA search: The VCAA search was a great success. Beth Rushing will begin her appointment this summer. The VCAA letter was not sent out via e-mail, but is on file, if anyone would like to look at it.

Climate (LCV) Report: The new survey will be on Catalyst very soon, and will be available to take for a few weeks. This survey is UWT campus-specific. Ana Mari and Cassidy have been working on it in Seattle. The Vice Provost will pay for ½ the cost of the survey, and Faculty Assembly will pay the remaining ½. No funding will be coming from the Staff Association. The LCV survey could be helpful to the new VCAA. Ana Mari suggested leaving off the demographic information if you are concerned about anonymity.

Report from Tri-Campus: The Code Cops made more changes to the Faculty Code on March 14th. These changes will eventually go out to faculty on Catalyst for a vote. Tacoma and Bothell are recognized as being separate from Schools and Colleges, and there will be a Faculty Senate discussion on this soon. Attendance is being monitored at Faculty Senate meetings. Linda Fullerton is in communication with program directors regarding attendance. It is important that UWT Faculty Senate members attend meetings and participate in discussions in order to be recognized by Seattle. Two new Faculty Senators are needed from the Education/Social Work/Nursing group. The meetings occur twice a quarter in the afternoons.

Policy Retreat overview/summary: Various departmental and campus procedures and policies have been collected. The EC began the process of understanding how work gets done across the UWT campus. Promotion and Tenure policies will be posted on the FA website soon, categorized by department. The EC is also working on a process for updating the UWT Faculty Handbook, which is currently out-of-date and no longer available online as a result.

4. Sharon Parker, Assistant Chancellor for Equity and Diversity:

Sharon Parker introduced herself to the Faculty Assembly and discussed her background in diversity research. The UWT Equity and Diversity statement was circulated as a handout, and is also available on their website:

<http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/diversity/>

Sharon also announced that Dr. Raymond Reyes will be on campus on April 12th for a Keynote Address on “Intercultural Competency” in the Carwein Auditorium.

5. Report from the Budget Committee:

Marinilka gave a report from the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee received six million dollars in requests and expects to be allotted about half that amount in funding. They have been gathering data on faculty/student ratios, etc. The committee is considering Interdisciplinary requests, as well as those for external consultants and requests that will serve the needs of incoming freshman. FTE’s have not been overriding criteria for this process. The Budget Committee feels that the entire process has been very transparent.

6. Report from the Strategic Planning Committee:

George Mobus gave an update from the Strategic Planning Committee. The Values Subcommittee is collecting comments on the website and has generated a Catalyst survey. The survey must be completed by April 9th and three town meetings will be scheduled afterwards. The Visions Subcommittee is trying to get a sense of where we are going in the short-term as well as the long-term. It is felt that there is a lack of academic culture on this campus, and a number of “structural impediments” to forming a campus culture. UWT needs things on the campus to draw or attract new students and faculty. The Goals Subcommittee is focusing on both two-year and five-year goals such as the faculty lounge and programs/majors for the future.

Cheryl suggested setting up a website for stories of founding faculty members, etc.

7. Preliminary discussion of Schools and Colleges:

The IAS department needs to begin looking for a replacement for Cheryl Greengrove as Program Director. It is yet to be determined whether this replacement will be a Director or a Dean.

Pat would like to go to Seattle with a plan for Schools and Colleges from all existing programs, rather than piecemeal. She would like recommendations with strengths and weaknesses of the School & College system. The main topic of the May 3rd Faculty Assembly meeting will be Schools & Colleges. The faculty should take the lead on this, with transparency and openness in mind. This will also be a strong topic for the Tri-Campus Council to discuss.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm