

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
FACULTY ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2007
TACOMA ROOM
12:45-2pm

In Attendance: Anne Beaufort, Bonnie Becker, Greg Benner, Erin Casey, Donald Chinn, Sam Chung, Erica Cline, Rob Crawford, Sian Davies-Vollum, Charles Emlet, Laura Feuerborn, Ehsan Feroz, Michael Forman, Sharon Fought, Cheryl Greengrove, Mike Kalton, Bill Kunz, Michael Kutcher, Karen Landenberger, Marcie Lazzari, Don McLane, Divya McMillan, George Mobus, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Mark Pendras, Jill Purdy, Ruth Rea, Johann Reusch, Jose Rios, Peter Selkin, Marcy Stein, Christine Stevens, Cathy Tashiro, 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 May 3rd, 2007
 3. Report from the Chair of Faculty Assembly, includes the annual report of the EC
 4. Discussion of separate regional accreditation with Pat Spakes
 5. Annual reports from all EC Standing Committees, Strategic Planning Committee, and Budget Committee
 6. Results of the LCVI Survey
 7. Adjournment
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1. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes from May 3rd were approved.

3. Report from FA Chair:

Marcy gave the group an overview of the breakout sessions from the September retreat for those who did not attend. A blue packet was handed out in the meeting which compiled the goals, activities, and accomplishments of

the five breakout groups. The groups were: Academic Policy, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure, Curriculum, Faculty Affairs, and Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy. The initial goals are posted on each committee's page of the FA website.

The main goal of the Faculty Assembly for this year was determining a way in which to do the work of the FA more effectively. Marcy and Julie had a number of meetings throughout the course of the school year with Pat, Alan and Diane to figure out how to implement shared governance at UWT.

The FA played an integral part in the VCAA search this year.

The LCVI Survey was posted this year, and the results were released.

The Second Annual Faculty Assembly Retreat is being planned for September. It will be on September 18th at Pack Forest. Marcy is currently soliciting agenda items for the retreat. Beth Rushing has been invited to speak, breakout sessions are planned, and the handbook revisions may be ready.

Faculty Assembly submitted their new budget for the biennium, and requested additional course releases, summer funding for the FA Chair and Vice Chair, and a full-time Assistant to the Faculty Assembly.

The goals for the Executive Council were listed in the packet as well.

One of the goals was to articulate an effective working relationship with the Budget Committee so that the EC and FA can be more involved in the budget process next year.

Gene Kim will begin work on the UWT Faculty Handbook this summer, and should have a draft of suggested revisions by September. The faculty will have the opportunity to give their input on these revisions at one of the first FA meetings of the upcoming school year. Gene will be paid to do this out of the Faculty Assembly budget.

The implementation of more efficient work procedures for the EC is an ongoing goal for the EC. Next year Chairs of the Standing Committees will be expected to attend every other EC meeting to give updates on the progress of the work of their respective committees.

The EC formed an Ad-hoc Committee on Schools and Colleges to develop possible models for the UWT campus and begin a campus-wide discussion about Schools and Colleges.

The EC also elected to have some of the compression issues at UWT addressed in the discussions about faculty salaries.

4. Discussion of separate regional accreditation with Pat Spakes:

Pat passed out a SRA question and answer sheet in the meeting. She is on the board of the Northwest Commission on Accreditation. There are many questions about UW accreditation vs. UWT accreditation. UWT has yet to have the conversation about separate regional accreditation, even though it affects not just academic programs, but the entire campus. UWT needs to determine what it wants as a campus, be it to stay with Seattle in 2014 or separate. It takes five years to apply for accreditation, and UWT needs to

decide what they want to do within the next year. A strategic plan and an institutional assessment are necessary at UWT before a decision can be made. Pat is encouraging a campus-wide discussion, and hopes to begin dialogue at the retreat this September. She feels that UWT needs to be prepared to make a good case for this. The NCAA issue at Bothell has impacted UW, and the Everett decisions are impacting Bothell at this time. Pat emphasized that a university's consumers are concerned with accreditation. UWT's identity will be a part of this discussion, and a self-study and institutional assessment are needed. Ultimately, the decision regarding accreditation belongs to the NWCA.

5. Annual Reports from EC Standing Committees, Strategic Planning Committee, and Budget Committee:

The **Curriculum Committee** reviewed their goals, activities and accomplishments as outlined in the blue packet. They will launch a pilot program for e-submissions this fall. Their new deadlines have been established and approved, and they added a meeting in July. The CC has also collected course submission procedure recommendations.

The **Faculty Affairs Committee** has drafted guidelines for a workload policy, and hope to begin discussions in the programs. They also gave the FA an update on the status of the Faculty Lounge.

The **Academic Policy Committee** is working to draft a grievance policy, worked out a code and policies for plagiarism, and has begun a discussion about adding sub-committees to the AP committee to get more accomplished at UWT.

The **Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee** has been reviewing P&T documents and making recommendations for implementation by the Faculty Assembly. These documents are posted on the FA website.

The **Strategic Planning Committee** has posted all their documents on the Chancellor's webpage. They formed three sub-committees (Vision, Values, and Goals). They request more faculty representation on the Strategic Planning Committee to ensure faculty reps and a faculty voice. They held Town Meetings this year, and generated a Values Survey.

The **Budget Committee** discussed the allocation of financial resources and new biennium funds. UWT did not meet FTE goals this year by 7%. The UWT needs to grow by 20%. This has been the most transparent budget process in the history of UWT. There will be a budget meeting on June 5th during the lunch hour in MAT 352 if anyone is interested in attending.

6. Results of the LCVI Survey:

Marcy brought a Power Point presentation with the LCVI results. UWT Staff Association members were invited to the Faculty Assembly meeting to view the presentation as well.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm