

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Faculty Assembly (FA) Executive Council (EC)
Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

CP 206 C

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Attendance: Marcie Lazzari, Chair; Zoe Barsness, Vice Chair; Marjorie Dobratz, Donald Chinn, Linda Dawson, Diane Kinder, George Mobus, Mark Pendras, Jose Rios, Peter Selkin, Tracy Thompson, Larry Wear

Excused Absences: Charles Emlet, Ehsan Feroz, Emily N. Ignacio, Charles Williams

1. The minutes from March 31, 2011 were approved.

2. Updates from Standing Committees

Academic Policy Committee (APC), George Mobus

APC passed item 3 on the Admissions Proposal for Undergraduate International Students. The oversight committee on the Office of Undergraduate Education will meet on May 11, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Mobus will contact their counterpart at UW Bothell prior to this meeting.

Curriculum Committee (CC), Jose Rios

The CC will meet next week. Programs will review courses that have been offered three times and attempt to convert these to permanent status by autumn quarter 2011.

Faculty Affairs, Donald Chinn

Faculty Affairs continues to develop summaries of the data they collected on their Research Survey. Before the full FA meeting in May 2011 Faculty Affairs will provide a report and recommendations of the Research Survey. The report will incorporate feedback from Kelly Fitzgerald.

3. Role of UWT Graduate School Representatives

Marjorie Dobratz and Sharon Fought brought a concern to the EC about Graduate Student Council representatives who should be providing feedback to the Faculty Assembly. It was discussed how more communication will strengthen between the UW system and UWT graduate students programs. Members of the EC suggested that the EC invite Kima Cargill and Marcy Stein (current representatives) to attend the full FA meeting in on May 25, 2011. Marcie Lazzari offered to meet with Cargill and Stein and report back to the EC.

4. Faculty Assembly meeting

The Full FA meeting has been moved to Wednesday, May 25th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Carwein Auditorium.

Tentative Agenda

Progress toward enrollment target

Bylaws

Daycare

Graduate School

Chancellors Search

Vice Chair Elections

Ed. D - Jose Rios – Ginger is working with Nursing and Education [Beth Rushing can include this in her report]

Report from Beth Rushing – including the UWT accreditation process

5. Report from Chancellor Patricia Spakes: Washington state Budget and other issues

Chancellor Spakes reported that she met with a representative of the House who reported that the Senate came back with a 16% tuition increase, a slightly higher cut to the UW than was expected and to higher education in general. It is anticipated that state budget cuts might include the elimination of the Higher Education Coordination Board (HECB) which comes from the restructuring of the Department of Education. In addition, Work Study had cuts, but was not eliminated. Other proposed cuts include a 3% cut on all staff salaries and the implementation of a progressive furlough on State Employees who make a “higher income.” Most likely this will include an exemption for Washington State faculty, but not Administrators. Washington State is expected to eliminate small programs for Financial Aid e.g. kids who come from foster care. Finally, the State Need Grant could be impacted for students **attending private** institutions. Washington State is expected to take back financial aid funds because too much money was allocated to private institutions in the last biennium. In other news, it appears that the proposal to allow public higher education institutions to have tuition authority will not be introduced until 2013.

In separate news at community colleges tuition is up 13%. Also, the Doctoral Bill has passed the Senate.

Questions

How will the process for new programs be replaced in light of the HECB being eliminated?

Chancellor Spakes reported that UW is continuing to look at ways to move to a privatized model. Spakes has been in meetings to discuss the potential for a privatized model which would impact UWT in specific ways outside the UW system. It is questionable how this model would work because of the impact on financial aid and the widening pool of middle income students, who will need more financial aid due to this restructuring. Potentially, UWT may hold a separate pool of resources out of the UWT budget to package the remainder funds needed to offset financial aid for these students. Implementing processes like these could be a four or five year issue. Because this will be a process over the next several years UWT will need to work on different models in order

to make this transition work out financially for UWT and for students. In Olympia it appears that there is support to give UW tuition setting authority.

Zoe Barsness asked whether the potential for a privatized model at UW will be discussed at faculty council, student, and tri-campus meetings to gain a wider perspective on these restructuring models.

Spakes offered to have Ysabel Trinidad and herself model this over the next few months and continue the conversation with faculty.

Tracy Thompson asked about library fees. Spakes noted that as schools and colleges have moved to the ABB model there has been a 22% student fee attached.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1: 15 p.m.