

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

Thursday, December 9, 2010

CP-206

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Attendance: Marcie Lazzari, Chair; Zoe Barsness, Vice Chair; Donald Chinn, Marjorie Dobratz, Linda Dawson, Charles Emlet, Ehsan H. Feroz, Mark Pendras, Emily N. Ignacio, Diane Kinder, George Mobus, Peter Selkin, Tracy Thompson, Larry Wear, Charles Williams

- 1. Executive Session from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. to evaluate a complaint regarding a public officer. Only voting members of EC attended this session.**
- 2. The Executive Council minutes from November 18, 2010 were approved.**
- 3. Follow up on UWT Budget Guiding Principles and Program Evaluation Criteria**

Marcie Lazzari and Zoe Barsness reported on the last meeting of the Executive Planning Council (EPC) meeting. A draft of the Budget Guiding Principles was handed out at that meeting. The EPC membership includes Barsness and Lazzari, the Vice Chancellors (administrators), Academic Directors/Dean, the ASUWT President, and one Staff Association member. Beth Rushing, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will do some redrafting.

In special budget meetings that led to the development of this draft on Budget Guiding Principles the following was considered: the Strategic Plan and a summary of the UWT Mission and Vision and the 3-5 year objectives developed by the Academic Directors/Dean at their fall retreat, which was then approved by the EPC in late August 2010.

EC members at the EPC were concerned that the 3-5 year objectives were not introduced by the Academic Affairs constituency during the development of the Draft Budget Guiding Principles document. Some members at the EPC meeting were interested in how the program criteria will be weighted during the individual program reviews.

Feedback from the EC:

One EC member did not want the Budget Guiding Principles to be edited at the EPC because of the time already spent by the EC to develop the draft. Lazzari and Barsness did request the EPC and EC meet to introduce this draft, but that meeting did not occur.

After some brief discussion, some EC members were hesitant that the Budget Guiding Principles be edited without their input, and therefore suggested that the EPC review and send its feedback back to the EC faculty, Academic Directors/Deans and Beth to acknowledge and approve the changes. Before this document has any kind of official standing, edits by the EPC should return to the Budget Workshop group to accept these edits and only then should it move forward. This process will ensure the work of all constituents has been acknowledged by Academic Affairs.

4. Discussion of Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy Work Group on Tri-Campus Relations Final Report

Janet Primomo has been involved with FCTCP for a long time. A new report comes from work that began in 2008 and arises also from historical issues generated by faculty who work at UW Seattle, Bothell, and Tacoma. The Work Group on Tri-Campus Relations was tasked to think about how the three campuses work together in the UW system. This document addresses governance, student issues, and the ways the UW grown to work together. In addition to this report, you can access online a comparison of universities around the nation that are multi-campus systems.

One of the reasons they worked this in 2008-09 was a Northwest Accreditation Report that stated, “The campuses are not working well together.” This report addresses faculty shared governance; they followed up on the Presidential Search in 2005, and this report builds on the work of the chancellors and the provost to look at operational issues.

Recommendations:

- strengthen the faculty council voice on tri-campus governance, by adding experienced faculty leaders to its governance and to sponsor forums on tri-campus issues. JW Harrington will have Senate sessions focused on the faculty issues. Last May, FCTCP wanted to hold a summit, but given the budget and the transition in leadership, having something like this was not realistic. Instead, it was determined to sponsor some other sessions instead could be helpful.
- Senate Executive Committee: The FCTCP determined that it wants the chair of FCTCP to be part of this committee. Members of the EC concurred that this is important, even if it means writing new legislation to change the code.

FCTCP Issues to be addressed

- Coordination of Undergraduate Curriculum at the Tri-campus level
- Areas in the Code that do not address the role of FCTCP
- Fee-based programs
- Representation on Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting: need a Code change to name an officer to be there or appoint someone to attend. The EC

discussed the importance of having a designated UWB and UWT representative on the SCPB.

- How do faculty at UWT want to work with Senate colleagues? UW Senators election 2011: For next year the EC needs to start thinking about how EC will work with UW Senate Colleagues?

Questions

Ehsan Feroz noted that among the universities, the UC system and Texas systems are multi-campus. He asked why weren't included in the work group's comparison chart. Janet Primomo clarified that the list is not exhaustive. Barsness noted that the national examples are more consistent with what the UW system might want to be.

Charles Emlet asked whether it was a final report or a draft? Primomo clarified that it is a draft of the final report. Before the report goes to the SEC, the FCTCP requested that the UWT EC and the UWB GFO review and discuss it further. Feedback on the report from EC members can be provided by the EC as a whole or individually by EC members to Michael Forman, Zoe Barsness, or Janet Primomo (current UWT representatives to FCTCP).

Primomo noted that Dan Jaffee (UWB faculty member) was nominated to sit on the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting and is currently serving the last of his three-year term. FCTCP may ask for a Code change or informally appoint someone to attend to represent UWT and UWB on this important Senate committee.

- 5. The Executive Council is still looking for a UW Tacoma faculty member to serve on the Faculty Council on University Libraries.**
- 6. Other Items**
 - Advising Systems Taskforce – Zoe, Marcie, Marjorie and Diane are the faculty representatives on the taskforce. Should they still serve on this? this will be on the next agenda.
 - Faculty Affairs – Donald Chinn asked for feedback regarding the faculty research survey.
- 7. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.**