

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**Minutes**  
**Faculty Assembly - Academic Policy Committee (APC)**  
Tuesday, February 8, 2011  
GWP 215  
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Attendance: George Mobus, Chair; Julie Aguirre, Linda Ishem, Janice Laakso, Greg Noronha, Joane Mocerri, Bobbe Miller-Murray  
Guest: Shahrokh Saudagaran

- 1. The minutes from January 12, 2011 have been approved with edits.**
  
- 2. New Proposal – Master of Accounting, Shahrokh Saudagaran, Milgard School of Business**
  - The Masters of Accounting proposal has been discussed in the Milgard School of Business and was approved by the faculty. This is a one year degree program (45 credits). It is subject Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) process. Part of the rationale for this program was to address the needs of students who must have five years of college credits in order to sit for the CT exam.
  
  - During fall of 2010 accounting faculty worked on this proposal. This program is similar to other programs across the nation. For UWT, this is suitable for students who want a degree in Accounting.
  
  - UW Seattle has a MA in Professional Accounting (48 credits – 14 credits are in an internship) but it is an intensive model. Seattle University and Central Washington have similar programs.
  
  - Workforce Demand – locally and nationally that there are not enough graduates each year.
  
  - Supply and Demand: within the South Puget Sound Region this is considered a high need program.
  
  - Student Demand is related to the workforce demand already noted above.
  
  - Budget –it is a self funded/fee based program. It is not a state program.
  
  - The Milgard School of Business wants to implement this after it has been approved in fall of 2012

**Questions**

- Janice Laakso asked about “surplus funds.” Business will oversee where the surplus funds will be used.

- Linda Ishem asked whether this is a cohort model. The MA of Accounting will be a cohort model.
- Julia Aguirre asked whether they have anticipated issues of recruitment, admission, and retention or staffing. Saudagaran explained that this new program will need a faculty line and an academic advisor.
- Saudagaran will take this proposal to Academic Affairs next week.

### **3. Vote on lowering the TOEFL score**

#### **Discussion**

- Mobus asked faculty to report any issues they have in classroom. Faculty should make suggestions on the support they need to address any issues for International Students. Mobus was concerned about the extra time faculty take with English Language Learners.
- Bobbe Miller Murray noted that Admissions will use other criteria if an applicant's TOEFL score is lowered to 83.
- Julie Aguirre noted that faculty will have an opportunity to help students access the available resources to strengthen their language skills. Aguirre suggested there be faculty dialogue around student to faculty workload issues
- Janice Laakso mentioned that some faculty had expressed concerns over the reduction in resources and staff. There is new staff in the Teaching and Learning Center and the International Student Services Center to address the needs of International Students. Laakso added that faculty are worried that international students could potentially replace "native" students. The overall growth strategy at UWT will be to increase non-resident students, a subset of these students are considered International.

**Action:** APC members unanimously voted to lower the TOEFL score requirement for International Students to 83. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Faculty Assembly Executive Council for a vote recommending that this policy be approved.

### **4. Oversight Committee on the Office of Undergraduate Education (OUE)**

**Concerns** – Mobus was concerned that there are fundamental issues that need to be addressed within the OUE. Mobus has not been able to get enough faculty to serve on this committee. APC will report to the EC to suggest APC take on this work.

Additionally, APC briefly discussed whether there are any issues with new course proposals. Mobus would like feedback.

### **5. Applications for the Chancellor's Medal**

Miller Murray announced that APC should prepare to meet the week of May 13, 2011 to review candidates for the Chancellor's Medal.

### **6. The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.**