

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA
FACULTY ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

May 12, 2008

WCG 322

12:50-2:00 pm

In Attendance: Greg Benner, Donald Chinn, Sharon Fought, Bill Kunz, Janice Laakso, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Mark Pendras, Marcy Stein

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2008
3. Report from the Chair of Faculty Assembly
4. New Business:
 - a. Budget
 - b. Proposed Strategic Growth Plan
5. Old Business:
 - a. Faculty Assembly Vice Chair
 - b. Finalizing EC slate and standing committee membership for 2008-2010
6. Adjournment

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 22, 2008 were approved.

3. Report from the Chair of Faculty Assembly:

Marcy noted that there will be changes to the UW Faculty Senate structure and that UWT's Faculty Assembly may want to look at its own structure in relation to the Senate's changes. Faculty Assembly should also become more closely involved with the budget process; UW Bothell's General Faculty Organization (GFO) leadership has been very involved this year and their close working with Bothell's administration on the budget seems to have resulted in a more transparent process.

The issue of UWT faculty representation on UW faculty councils was discussed. Faculty from Tacoma should be able to participate on councils that meet in Seattle without having to be there physically. Marcy noted that there does not seem to be any resistance in Seattle to having Tacoma faculty participate via phone. The Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy (FCTCP) has been reviewing faculty councils to see which ones need Tacoma and/or Bothell participation.

On May 27, 2008, the Faculty Assembly and the Staff Association will be co-sponsoring a showing of the "Last Lecture;" lunch will be served since it is a special meeting.

4. New Business:

a. Budget:

Marcy stated that it would be important to put a response in writing to the Chancellor regarding the budget and the strategic growth plan. In addition, Marcy suggested that the Faculty Assembly leadership meet with the Chancellor along with program directors and program staff who deal more directly with budgets. She is working on scheduling a meeting with representation from the Executive Council, program directors and UWT Staff Association.. The fact that the Chancellor has proposed a radical change in the budget process with very little notice and no consultation with the faculty poses serious issues regarding transparency regarding the budgetary problems for units on campus. One issue has to do with process; another has to do with where the Chancellor wants to spend money. The EC needs to be the faculty body with whom the Chancellor consults; the faculty members on the Budget Committee are not the representatives of the Faculty Assembly as they were appointed by the Chancellor.

Marcy mentioned that the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB) may be helpful to the UWT Faculty Assembly in sorting out the issues raised above. The SCPB may be asked to review any unit's budget to provide guidance to the faculty. Marcy and Julie will talk to Gail Stygall, Chair of the Senate Planning and Budgeting Committee, to find out the benefits and consequences of working with the SCPB either formally or informally , as well as to find out about best practices toward fixing the budget process at UWT. As much as Marcy and Julie have tried to be involved in the budget process as Faculty Assembly leadership, they have been ignored by the campus administration.

b. Proposed Strategic Growth Plan:

Marcy suggested that the EC draft a written response to the Chancellor regarding her strategic growth plan. She asked EC members to discuss the plan with their faculty so that we can clearly articulate faculty concerns in this response. Some

concerns include a lack of detail in the plan; no clear sense that such growth will be matched or supported by the requisite resources

5. Old Business:

a. Faculty Assembly Vice Chair:

We are still looking for a Vice Chair.

b. Finalizing EC slate and standing committee membership for 2008-2010:

We need to hold a vote for the Chair and Vice Chair of Faculty Assembly, the EC slate, and the UWT faculty representatives to the FCTCP. We will do a catalyst vote that will run for two weeks and be completed before the end of the quarter.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.