

**Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

September 20, 2018 12:30-2:00pm SCI 104

***Present:*** *D.C. Grant, Rob MacGregor, Fei Ling, Sarah Hampson, Rich Furman (phone) Sharon Laing (phone)*

***Excused:*** *James Thatcher*

1. **Welcome**
* The meeting began at 12:25 with Chair D.C. Grant welcoming new members Rob MacGregor (SOE) and Sharon Laing (NHCL)
1. **Approval of 6/7/18 Minutes**
* Approval of minutes from June 7, 2018 Faculty Affairs Committee meeting was tabled for next meeting when all members present at 6/7/18 are in attendance.
1. **Open Public Meetings**
* Members urged to watch Open Public Meeting Act video by next meeting to meet Open Public Meeting Act requirements.
1. **Parking**
* Chair Grant gave new members a brief explanation of ongoing charges for Faculty Affairs Committee. Parking remains a need for both students and faculty and FAC will continue to work on options.
1. **Childcare**
* Another issue for both students and faculty is lack of available childcare, with long wait lists at area sites. FAC will continue to work on this.
1. **Teaching Evaluation Policy**
* FAC was charged to finish development of this. A proposed policy was sent to Executive Council, who asked for more information. FAC will continue to work on this and new members were urged to read the year-end report with background for next month’s meeting and were encouraged to make suggestions; once finished it would go to Executive Council for their agenda. After EC approval, policies would go to deans and directors with a recommendation for approval and adoption of this shared governance for all UWT schools.
1. **Changes to UW Faculty Code**
* Changes were made to faculty code without due process; a letter was drafted regarding this, however, FAC held off on sending it to Executive Council until new leadership is in place this fall.
1. **Non-Competitive Hiring Policy**
* FAC is working to develop Best Practice procedures regarding search policies. Suggestions to EC were sent back for further review; FAC members will continue to develop this during the 2018-2019 year.
1. **Climate Survey**
* Former member Dr. Marian Harris is still working on this; FAC would like to stay involved for post-tracking.
1. **Sound Transit**
* FAC charge: to develop bi-directional transit to Seattle campus. Service has been cut, local stops and more transportation options are needed.
1. **Possible Future Agenda Item:**
* Formalized representation across ranks with tenure/non-tenured faculty?
1. **New Business**
* All members urged to attend Fall Faculty Assembly Retreat on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 10am in WPH; new members also urged to review year-end report.
1. **Adjournment**
* The meeting adjourned at 1:17pm. (Citing prior engagements, Sharon Laing left at 12:44; Fei Ling left the meeting at 12:51)
* The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 12:30pm in SCI 104.