

FACULTY AFFAIRS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

In attendance: J. Finn, C. Stevens, S. Hanks, R. Knuth, M. Kimbro, L. Ishem

Absent: J. Reusch

Guest: Jim Coolsen

Faculty Affairs MINUTES:

- 1) Meeting was called to order by J. Finn at 2 pm
- 2) Approval of minutes of October 23, 2007
- 3) Jim Coolsen presented a new Draft of UWT Strategic Plan, 2007-2017. He indicated that this draft would be distributed for campus wide review and comment within the next 24 hours. He noted that he valued committee feedback at the last meeting and noted two key revisions.
  - Vision statement substantially changed – discovery and inquiry more prominent
  - Last paragraph of vision brings the focus back to students.
- 4) Overall Faculty Affairs members applauded the changes and expressed ongoing concerns:
  - How is the administration going to support and facilitate interdisciplinary teaching and research
  - What form of research is encouraged
  - What evidence supports the stated demand for scientific literacy
  - Are we limiting/constraining diversity by naming specific groups
  - What does it mean to match available resources to enrollment increases
  - How much control do we have over who we let in and how fast we grow
  - How will the strategic plan influence unit planning?
  - How will unit compliance/alignment with the plan be implemented, particularly around diversity goals?
- 5) Having completed work on the strategic plan the focus of our next meeting is to determine our role and expectations regarding Faculty Workload and the Scheduling Matrix.
- 6) The committee thanked Jerry for serving as chair during fall quarter.
- 7) The next meeting for Faculty Affairs committee will be called by chair Johann Reusch early in winter quarter 2008.

8) Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.