

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Minutes
Faculty Assembly Executive Council (FA EC)
Thursday, February 4, 2010
Tacoma Room
Called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Attendance: Johann Reusch, Chair; Marcie Lazzari, Vice Chair; Zoe Barsness, APT; Donald Chinn, Faculty Affairs alternate rep.; Marjorie Dobratz, Mark Pendras, Ehsan Feroz, Tracy Thompson, Janice Laakso, Jose Rios, Peter Selkin, Cathy Tashiro, APC alternate rep.; Larry Wear; Beth Rushing, Vice-Chancellor on Academic Affairs *ex-officio*

Guests: Patricia Spakes, Chancellor; Brian Coffey

- 1) The minutes from January 20, 2010 were approved.
- 2) Old Business: International Students transferring to UWT from Washington state community colleges: Brian Coffey
Currently, International Transfer Students at UW Tacoma who come from Washington State Community Colleges must meet minimum English proficiency requirements: TOEFL score of 580. All students, whether they are freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or PhDs are subject to these requirements. UWT would like to change their requirements for International students to: “AA degree from a Washington State Community College; 2.75 GPA; minimum grades of 3.0 in two English composition courses.”
 - a. Tracy asked about the difference in direct transfers from Bothell, where they have a direct transfer and the Tacoma campus has transfers from a broad range of CC’s.
 - b. Tracey suggested that admissions should require a Basic English composition course.

Action: The FA EC vote will be postponed until the next meeting.

- 3) Faculty Senate Meeting: Zoe Barsness
 - a. UW Faculty requested updated information on retention with an executive order. There are some raises, of the 48 offers in the Medical Schools and others were funded with non-state funds.
 - b. Restructuring of the Faculty Senate. There are plans to vote for a representative body. Currently the ratio is one rep to 15 faculty, which puts UW’s faculty senate at 276 senators. This is the highest in the

country. The current situation is problematic. The new representative body will encourage more dialogue and attendance. Philosophically, the Faculty Senate is trying to assure voice, representation, and promote an atmosphere for livelier discussion. For UW Tacoma our 7 senators will be scaled down to 4. The ratio will remain relative to our current representation. Membership in the Executive Senate Council will be reduced to from 14 to 3. UW Tacoma, we will have a vote on the Executive Committee. The proposal was passed and will go to a vote of the full faculty.

- c. President Emmert reported on the legislative report. The UW budget has not been considered. The forecast is that the state will experience a \$2.5 billion deficit. No bill has been introduced yet, but there are talks about a state income tax. By taking the federal stimulus the state was required to keep a budget for k-12. UW may have more than \$22 million in cuts. There is a lot of discussion about protecting Community College funding, because of job training it provide to residents in Washington State. There is a bill for mandatory furloughs, which will not affect Washington employees. UW recognizes these cuts and maintains that financial aid programs will continue (ex. Husky promise). In response to the budget crisis the UW is asking for greater flexibility with funding. Some questions UW wants to be addressed are Capital funding and higher tuition flexibility, which gives greater tuition control to the Board of Regents.
 - d. UW Faculty Senate have requested for information regarding the Vice Provost and the Nike Board. There have been Faculty complaints about her role.
- 4) Faculty Assembly Standing Committees reports
- a. Curriculum Committee (CC), Jose Rios: The online process is working. CC will be talking to programs about the approval process to strengthen consistency.
 - b. Appointment Tenure and Promotion (APT), Zoe Barsness: The reviews of Associate to Full is complete. APT will be working on “to do” issues.
 - c. Academic Policy Committee (APC), Cathy Tashro: APC approved proposals for Law and Policy and the Economics and Politics Minor; Recommended the proposal for the English Proficiency Requirements to the FA EC; collected feedback on the Academic Plan; approved the guidelines for assigning course documents; Deirdre Raynor, APC Chair discussed the FoE study and it’s process; APC will be reviewing the FoE recommendations. At the last meeting APC approved the Nursing Certificate.
 - d. Donald Chinn: nothing to report/ daycare taskforce.
- 5) Vote on writing Cabinet of Chairs Emeriti/ae into bylaws

Action: This was tabled for the next meeting.

6) 2Y2D and implications for UW Tacoma: Johann Reusch

2Y2D involved discussions that are two-year, two-decade institutional strategic standards. President Emmert established these discussions to address the move away from state funding. This also addresses the freeing of more of their assets for UW spending. In the talks are downtown Seattle property, which is currently regulated by the state legislature. The plan for 2Y2D is to find ways for the UW institution to maintain Excellence. Traditionally, UW has been known for Access, Quality, and Affordability. Affordability and Access will have to be reduced in tandem with the decline in state support. State residents will no longer constitute UW Seattle's main recruitment target but the emphasis will be on recruiting out of state students in order to secure higher tuition income. Reusch stated that Washington state subsidies are only a fraction of the overall revenue at UWS Seattle, whereas at UWT it is above 90%. Chancellor Spakes added that state-funding is at 25% of the UWS total revenue. Reusch argued that the 2Y2D initiative will have implications beyond UWS; Seattle's shift from the main focus on in-state access also provides opportunities for UWT to provide flagship services to the state. This will have to become part of the UWT Academic and Strategic Plans since state funding will be reduced further. Reusch pointed out that UWT Academic Affairs has held attended a 2Y2D meeting on interdisciplinarity where he asked VCAA Beth Rushing if there were others, to which she replied that there were not.

- a. Patricia Spakes, Chancellor: President Emmert has told us that UW will provide access to the residents of Washington. These plans are about vision setting. If students are already paying 50% of their tuition costs, this has implications for the University of Washington. Administrators are working in Olympia to get tuition under university control in order to set tuition even higher. The Tuition Flexibility bill is very important right now.
- b. Reusch noted that President Emmert has stated that the UW will not give up on the quality of education even if it means that access for state residents will be reduced in tandem with state subsidies.
- c. Zoe Barsness noted that the HECB has said they want to restructure tuition to modeling Virginia and Michigan, where public universities are state funded and state supported.
- d. Spakes, Chancellor noted that Penn State is modeling a private institution and so is Temple.
- e. Johann Reusch noted that President Emmert stated that out-of-state tuition will have to off-set dwindling state support.

- 7) Faculty Assembly meeting: An email will go out soon about a full meeting of the faculty.
 - a. Spakes suggested that it might be useful her to be allowed a time for questions and answers at future meetings.
- 8) The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.