FACULTY ASSEMBLY

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Faculty Assembly Executive Council (EC) Meeting Minutes May 20, 2016 1:00-3:00pm CP 206C

**Present:** Jutta Heller; Mark Pendras; Marcie Lazzari; Rupinder Jindal; Ellen Moore; Denise Drevdahl; Julia Aguirre; Ji-Hyun Ahn; Ka Yee Yeung-Rhee; Matt Kelley, Jim Gawel via phone; Huatong Sun; Lauren Montgomery. **Guests:** Tom Koontz; Sushil Oswal; Linda Ishem; Kim Davenport. **Absent:** Chuck Costarell. **Excused:** Mark Pagano; Nita McKinley; Alissa Ackerman; Marian Harris; Melissa Lavitt; Greg Rose.

### 1) Consent Agenda

The May 4, 2016 Executive Council meeting minutes were accepted.

The following additions and changes to the 5.20.16 agenda were accepted:

- Change: Move Update on APT work to the beginning since Jim Gawel cannot be on the phone for very long; The EVCAA report, written by Melissa Lavitt, will be read by EC Chair, Marcie Lazzari.
- Addition: Reminder about the Vice Chair of Faculty Assembly election
- Addition: Brief Update on Faculty Salary Policy

### 2) Update on APT Committee Work

**Presentation:** Jim Gawel, APT chair, presented. This year APT has been working on some revisions in Appendix A of the UWT Handbook. The committee was sent revisions by the "code cops," but it was not of the most current version of Appendix A. As it turns out, the most current version and the version that the "code cops" edited were not very dissimilar. EC was shown a projection of the current state of edits within Appendix A. APT has made some of the revisions noted by the "code cops" and also several new edits that APT deemed important. For example, the document was mainly written for Tenure-Track faculty members. Next year, APT intends to re-write Appendix A so that it applies to all tenure and promotion cases. Also ongoing into next year will be to have the tenure and promotion workshops in the spring after reviewing cases so that APT can apply what they learn to the workshops. APT will also advocate for training for the tenure and promotion review committees. An EC member asked what role APT has in the non-tenure track promotion process. Jim responded that APT documents the process, but does not define it; the process is from each unit. Another EC member encouraged Jim to check with Janet Primomo, who was once FA Chair, for any historical documents pertaining to Appendix A. EC thanked Jim and APT for their work this year.

# 3) EVCAA Report

Presentation: Chair, Marcie Lazzari, read a report submitted by EVCAA, Melissa Lavitt:

- Howard Smith was selected as the new dean for the Milgard School of Business
- Internal searches are now closed and the committees are reviewing and deliberating. We had a nice turnout for the AVCR "job talks." Hope to see the same interest in the AVCUA.
- The search for Education Director will continue next year. It is my hope that a search for a dean (rather than a director) will improve the likelihood of a successful outcome.
- The approval to transition from program to school is a two-step process that should be completed over the summer at the Regents' meeting.

### 4) Teaching Evaluation Campus Fellows' Report

**Presentation:** The membership of this Campus Fellows group is Sushil Oswal (Chair), Tom Koontz (filling in as Chair for 2015-2016 while Sushil was on sabbatical), Linda Ishem, Kim Davenport, and Eshan Feroz (for 2014-2015). Tom Koontz presented:

- <u>The group's charge from EC:</u> See Appendix A.
- <u>Timeline of work:</u> early Fall 2014 met monthly; winter 2015 designed survey for unit chairs; spring 2015 student worker implemented telephone survey; Fall 2015, Tom stepped in as chair; designed campus-wide survey for faculty; Spring 2016 processing data and report writing.
- <u>Prior efforts around teaching evaluations (2005-2006)</u>: Teaching & Learning Roundtable Assessment workshops; much investment in this process initially, but not implemented into practice.
- <u>Current efforts:</u> to align with Strategic Plan; UWT High Impact Practices (HIPs); look beyond student rating; UW Center for Teaching and Learning has written a Guide for Promotion and Tenure Teaching Evaluation.

- <u>Context:</u> the current model of student ratings was designed for UW Seattle students, but UWT is a different context; the survey showed that the majority of UWT faculty believed it was important to improve their teaching; there isn't a sense of already knowing it all.
- <u>Three types of assessment:</u>
  - Student Ratings
    - <u>Current practices</u>: free-form comments are more helpful than the number rating
    - <u>Best practices</u>: transparency to students that the ratings are used as data in a faculty member's file
    - <u>Recommendations</u>: use student evaluations with the caveat that biases affect student ratings
  - Peer Evaluations
    - <u>Current practices</u>: Faculty Code does not indicate how to do these; little to no formalized process; weighed less heavily than student ratings
    - <u>Best practices:</u> more than 1 reviewer, more than 1 time; training for reviewers; enough time to give substantive, helpful feedback
    - <u>Recommendations</u>: Need leadership who provide resources so that there can be consistent and systematic reviews; within P&T, count a formal and thorough peer review with the same weight as a journal article review
  - Self-Assessment
    - <u>Current practices</u>: the Faculty Code is vague on how to do this; does not carry very much weight
    - <u>Best practices and recommendations</u>: Define teaching excellence and student success; holistic approach
- <u>Final Recommendations:</u>
  - Push for resources to accomplish the best practices
    - Time; course releases; training
    - Formalized process
  - o Rearrange the weight of the three components
    - For example, the Guide out of the UW Seattle TLC puts the most weight on self-assessment, then peer evaluations; then student ratings/evaluations

**Discussion:** EC and Campus Fellows group discussed issues of bias in all aspects of review; this is why it is important to have a triangular approach to teaching evaluations. Currently, faculty members get to choose who does their peer evaluations; recommendation to have a random assignment instead. They also discussed the strengths of approaching the review as a formative process in which faculty work together to improve teaching and review/meet multiple times throughout a year. Currently, the review has a summative approach; the evaluation is based on one review that is used to sum up a faculty member's teaching abilities. EC suggested as future work to have more input from Faculty of Color in regards to the issue of bias within teaching evaluations. Once EC receives the written report, they will also bring it to the EVCAA and the Academic Council to move the issues and recommendations forward. EC thanked the Teaching Evaluation Campus Fellows for their hard work and attention to this prevalent issue.

### 5) Chair's Report and Discussion Items

a) <u>Deficit Discourse on Campus</u>

**Presentation:** EC member, Julia Aguirre, presented. At a Student Success Task Force meeting, Julia had asked the participants to write down what they had heard about particular groups of students (see Appendix B). Of the comments collected there was a dominant deficit theme. She had also done this exercise with a group of graduate Education students and a group of undergraduate Education Students and had similar results of deficit terms. Additionally, she had asked the Education students to "flip the script" and list asset-based terms for each deficit term. She presented these lists to EC and suggested that EC members do a similar activity within their academic units in an effort to highlight the deficit discourse on campus and work towards changing the way students are talked about to an asset-based discourse. EC discussed that this activity would surface/identify the deficit language used, but also asked what other ways are there to address this issue. Chair, Marcie Lazzari, suggested inviting Robin DiAngelo back to work with EC and help develop a plan to take this issue to the unit level. Changing this

discourse starts with identifying it and then intentionally thinking differently. This same deficit discourse is also around Faculty of Color. There is the concern of just doing more training; training needs to lead to action; a next step. Another suggestion, which ties back in with Teaching Evaluation, is that the formalized review has an aspect that evaluates how the faculty member does in terms of anti-racism, anti-sexism, etc. Julia communicated that her intent for this presentation was to start an ongoing conversation around this issue and encourage others to challenge the deficit discourse so that people know that it isn't okay to continue it.

a) <u>Reminder about FA Vice Chair Election</u>

**Presentation:** APCC Chair and EC member, Lauren Montgomery, is running for Vice Chair of Faculty Assembly. Two other EC members were nominated, but chose not to run for the position at this time. They are Julia Aguirre and Greg Rose. Both have been encouraged to run for this position in the future. EC members were encouraged to vote and to remind their units and colleagues to vote as well.

b) Faculty Assembly Fall Retreat Announcement

**Announcement:** Save the date: FA Fall Retreat - September 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-12 retreat, 12-1pm lunch, 1-3pm EC meeting. EC was asked to begin thinking of input for the Fall Retreat. There will be some time on the June 1<sup>st</sup> agenda for brainstorming.

c) <u>Time Schedule Committee Update</u>

**Presentation/Discussion:** Vice Chair, Mark Pendras, and EC member, Jutta Heller, presented various potential models of adaptations to the current Time Schedule Matrix (see appendix C). The main motivations that were considered in these models were community building hours/time, passing time between classes, and Friday classes. EC members shared their impressions of said models:

- The time slot that gets out at 10:05pm is painful
  - The current 7:30pm -9:30pm slot is already under-enrolled, though it depends on the quarter; this needs to be looked into further at the unit level; ask about their needs/planning
- In favor of the longer lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Some felt that 10 minutes of transition time was still not enough (especially for labs), while others thought that it was an improvement on the current 5 minutes allotted
- There is a time gap between the end of a slot at 3:35pm and the beginning of another at 4:15pm because of labs
- The 4:15pm time-slot is too early for students who are coming from a professional job, particularly in the EdD program (schools let out at 3:30pm, approx.)
- Consider both undergraduate students and graduate students when designing time-slots
- Consider childcare (timing) needs for faculty and students
- Changing classes from 2 hours 5 minutes to 2 hours; does that end up taking off too much time over the whole quarter?
- For current TSM, Education had to move a 3 hour class down to 2.5 hours in order to fit into a time-slot
- See if there is a 3-credit class TSM; some units have more 3 credit than 5 credit classes
- It will be important/valuable to get feedback from each unit
- Ask Program Administrators for their unit's current schedule
- At the soonest, changes could be implemented for 2018
- d) Faculty Salary Policy Update

**Announcement:** The Faculty Salary Policy passed in the Faculty Senate on 5/19/16. The full-faculty vote is open today (5/20/16) through June 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be four Faculty Salary Policy Forum hosted by Faculty Assembly in order for faculty members to ask questions and educate themselves for the vote. Please be on the alert for an email indicating the dates/times/locations of the forums.

2) Adjourn

### Appendix A

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for volunteering to serve as a campus fellow on Teaching Assessment. This campus fellows group will research and make recommendations to Executive Council on the assessment of teaching.

As a member of this group, your charge is to research best practices in teaching assessment and develop a specific action plan of policies and procedures for improving teaching assessment at UWT. Teaching assessment is important to ensuring the quality of teaching on campus, as well as providing appropriate metrics for use in promotion and tenure decisions.

The fellows will meet during the 2014-15 academic year and prepare a report to the Executive Council of the Faculty Assembly by the end of June 2015 that includes:

- 1. a review of best practices for teaching assessment, including those that are appropriate for teaching development and those that are appropriate for assessment for tenure and promotion,
- 2. a suggested action plan for implementing best practices on the UWT campus,
- 3. a proposed timetable for the action plan, and
- 4. a set of accountability measures for assessing progress toward achieving the goals and recommendations.

A budget of \$3,000 is available to the fellows. These funds can be accessed to support the work of the group, including paying for materials, travel, and/or stipends for fellows members. Funds for this Campus Fellows are made available in collaboration with the Vice Chair of Academic Affairs.

The process in which you are about to engage is an important faculty responsibility. We greatly appreciate your service.

Sincerely,

Nita McKinley Faculty Assembly Chair Marcie Lazzari Faculty Assembly Vice Chair Bill Kunz Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

### Appendix B

#### Student Success Task Force: March 4 Exercise Results

#### Take Aways:

Veterans – mostly negative Pacific Islanders – people aren't thinking of them Black Students – too loud in class, hard to control when more than one Native Americans – too shy, too sensitive; more connected to family than school; feel unprepared, under represented Latina/os – value family more than education; feel under represented ELL/ International – less prepared to communicate; shouldn't be here 1<sup>st</sup> Gen – "mean stuff"; are a challenge to our excellence; come to university to get jobs; have "grit"

#### Pacific Islander Students:

Always late Don't attend class Not prepared Asian students are not always as comfortable speaking up in class discussion Often not explicitly discussed Very connected to family Strong community sense Family orientated Creative

#### Veterans:

They are working class. They are conservatives Too set in their opinions and views Understand PTSD Have PTSD PTSD Skills learned in service don't transfer/count towards credit Veterans may need faculty to be flexible with assignments and due dates because of deployments Are often busy and have trouble with traditional time schedules I don't feel like other students understand what I've experienced No clear identity for this campus Don't want to be told Older Seek a 'different' type of student experience Potential violence/domestic violence Damaged Dangerous New model minority crowding out resources for historically underserved groups Need more support services Are more deserving of programs and services/benefits Organized Hard working

#### **Black Students:**

Many black students feel alienated because there aren't many other black students or faculty members Only get accepted because university is promoting diversity Want more faculty they can identify with I don't belong in this environment. Not enough supports. Don't have role models Feel underrepresented It's discouraging when microaggresive/racist statements aren't addressed by the professor Involve the students in the hiring process. Give them a voice. Are organized around Black Lives Matter Don't feel welcome They are too loud in class. Hard to control when there is more than one. Energetic and engaged Structurally – build in class discussion/give students the opportunity to speak K-12 fails to support black students to be prepared and stay in college They don't take study seriously

Low achieving Not prepared They are being admitted because we need more money not for excellence (fits all SOC) Need extra help Underprepared (affirmative action admits) They try to pull a "fast one" on admin and faculty They are lazy Hostile, disengaged, violent Angry Their attendance is terrible They have a chip on their shoulder...play the race card! They have something to say about their experience Look at your own behavior Redefine

Native American Students: Little transition from H.S. to UWT Too sensitive Shy They're stoic; undemonstrative Came from families that aren't educated Won't leave family for school Their nations do different kinds of research (process not the same as academic research) Don't feel that they fit in Feel underrepresented Too few Not prepared Need extra help Need more mentoring

Latino/a Students: Girls live at home until married (unless a teacher) Value family over education Their families don't value education...it's not their culture to read Hardworking If they can speak English, why can't they write? They, the students, feel underrepresented I hated my first year Not prepared Black and latino students do not have academic prep for college and admitted more or less to increase campus diversity, but destined to fail Are not critical thinkers I've heard our K-12 system is failing to equip/support latino/a students to go on and stay in college Cannot speak English. Hostile. Need extra help Too slow to pick up learning curve Want to connect more to community

**English Learners/International Students:** Scholarly writing deficits Poor writers Don't know how to write Poor writing skills Have trouble expressing themselves in writing Don't write well Our students have poor writing skills Weak writing skills Poor grammar and writing They don't know how to write May struggle with writing issues and need more specific support to succeed Language barriers Unprepared language skills Don't speak English well Cannot speak English Their language skills are terrible Don't belong here. Should learn language before attempting higher ed I'm not comfortable Why do we take them if they can't speak/write in English? Are underprepared Not prepared They expect the TLC to do their work for them Have to use TLC to write acceptable papers Won't seek help They are hard to work with Difficult We are unprepared to help them Pressured into science majors

Being forced into program because it's what parents want them to do Become IT majors Are not getting acknowledgement (in terms of materials, resources, cultural embracing) that they should Many international students are smokers

First Generation: Don't know how to navigate college (remedial) Don't know what we have to offer Don't understand university Do not know how to access resources They don't have a framework or knowledge to understand college They feel like imposters (and the rest of us don't?) They don't know the secret rules They're unprepared Are not prepared academically to succeed Not well prepared Underprepared Not prepared. Entitled. Not prepared They are completely unprepared for the work Not prepared for college level writing/math research Have to "catch them up" Poor K-12 preparation Their high school doesn't prepare them for college They're unprepared Work really hard They're juggling multiple priorities

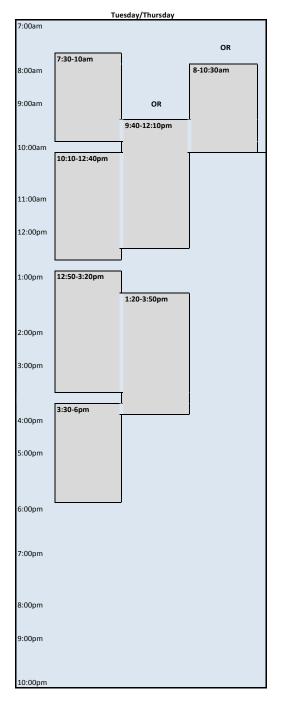
They need to take of things outside of school so they don't have time for college They are a challenge to our "excellence" They take too much time to teach You have to talk to first gen students like they are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade All they want is a job. School is pathway to work for these students. Feel lost They often feel like they don't belong I don't feel like I belong here Maybe college isn't right for them at this time Don't have a clue what they're getting into Some are homeless Bring additional challenges In need of additional support to be successful Need extra help Our students are needy Need extra support, especially with writing No real support They can't write well enough to succeed here They leave at sophomore transition Have a hard time without role models Lack of positive role models The students don't have family support for university Their families can't help them with college Their family is important but not understanding and/or supportive of their education May not have support at home to learn to navigate the college system

Coming from a lower class environment

## Appendix C

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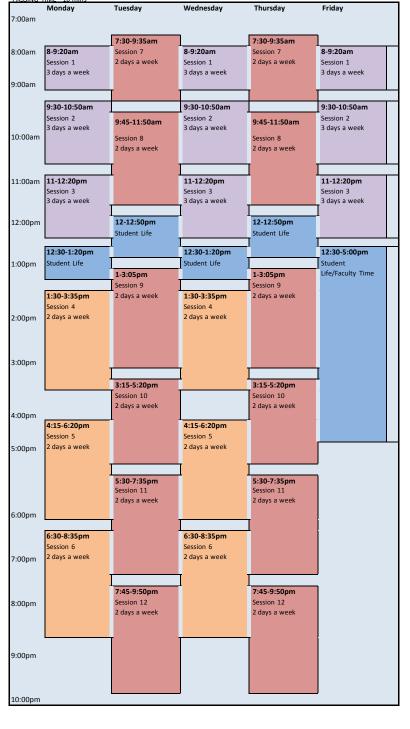
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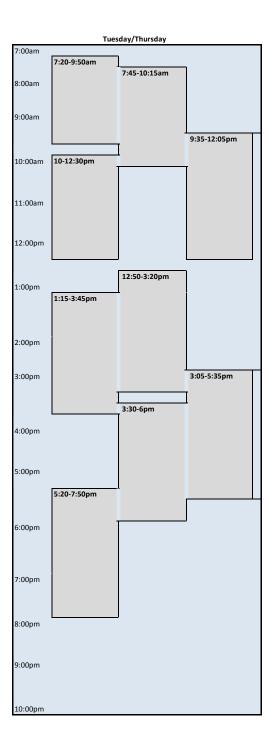
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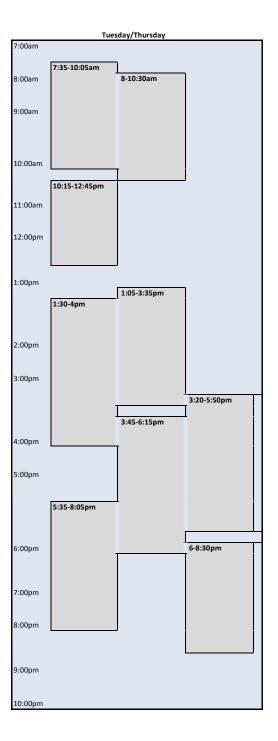




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