

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Academic Policy Committee (APC)
Minutes
Meeting April 17, 2009

Meeting called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Attendance: Chair George Mobus, Erin Casey, Greg Noronha, Cathy Tashiro

Guest: Bobbe Miller-Murray

- 1) George Mobus announced that Shelby Fritz will take over administering new programs proposals.
- 2) Bobbe Miller-Murray
 - a. Current issue: the student must appeal in writing by May 1, 2009.
 - b. Chancellor's medal. The meeting will be on May 13, 2009. Cathy Tashiro asked how the top .5% of the undergraduate student population/ Summa Cum Laude is determined. Miller-Murray explained that the calculations are based on the prior year's top g.p.a. Miller-Murray will look into clarifying this and will respond to the APC. Erin Casey suggested that the committee anticipate a conversation about holistic criteria when evaluating the nominees.

Action: Miller-Murray will draft a letter to be sent to the student. In addition a policy will be drafted regarding student appeals.

- 3) BS Environmental Science and Engineering
 - a. George Mobus noted that Jim Gawel will be invited to the next meeting on April 27, 2009.
 - b. Cathy Tashiro suggested that the justification for demand based on pre-professional programs should be clarified. (p. 3)
 - c. Mobus suggested that he is concerned with cross consulting amongst Environmental Sciences and Institute of Technology with respect to Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). (p. 9)
 - d. Mobus suggested the Directors from each program should be in communication about ABET.
 - e. Tashiro noted "Annual job openings," demand seemed low and long term outcomes. (p. 6)
 - f. Mobus noted growth rate (p. 6)
 - g. Noronha noted *Jobs* p. 5, the bottom of the page, and UWT growth August 2008. This may need to be updated in light of budget constraints.
 - h. Mobus asked whether the job opening for engineers is internal or external.
 - i. Tashiro noted that BS showing *U Waters* strengthens the connection to the community
 - j. Tashiro noted the discrepancy between Hydrologist and Lab Tech. (p. 3)
 - p. Mobus, p. 21 fluid dynamics

q. Casey noted that if the instructor is the same for both programs, this suggests that both will have to move through New Programs at the same times

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.