

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON TACOMA  
Academic Policy Committee  
Meeting Oct. 31, 2008

In attendance: Erin Casey, Yonn Dierwechter, Michael Forman, George Mobus, Greg Noronha, Johann Reusch, Cathy Tashiro,  
Absent: Kathleen Beaudoin, Deirdre Raynor

Meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis

1. Approval of agenda
2. Selection of chair
3. Presentation of issues from Executive Council for report to EC by end of November 2008.
4. Academic Affairs strategic plan discussion highlights
5. Other business

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1. Approval of agenda
  2. Selection of chair.
    - a. Forman asked the committee to nominate a chair. He said one option, though not a very good option, would be rotating chairs over the academic year.
    - b. Mobus volunteered to serve for one year. Mobus by acclamation of the committee is elected chair.
  3. Forman reviewed *Charge of Committee*. Forman noted that this is one of the most important committees of faculty assembly.
    - a. Discussion highlights:
    - b. Cathy: Program Academic Review Committee (PARC).
      - i. Forman noted that programs are considered the responsibility of the **Error! Reference source not found.**
      - ii. Johann added that the faculty has a vested interest to review
    - c. Casey noted that there are 7-8 proposals.
    - d. Reusch added that programs in development will move forward without funding.
  4. Academic Affairs strategic plan discussion highlights:
    - a. Beth Rushing would like to collaborate.
    - b. Review of draft proposal of Academic Affairs Strategic Plan
      - i. Forman noted that this is essentially a byproduct of the larger UWT strategic plan.
    - c. Forman noted that programs or activities that do not speak to the UWT objectives will not be funded. Faculty can have a great deal of input if we can speak as one voice.
    - d. For review
      - i. Does this make sense from the point of this committee?
      - ii. Do the measures make sense?

- iii. Does the faculty role in this document require what the faculty should do?
  - e. Reusch discussed PARC
  - f. Excellence and access: Chancellor's address and VC address
    - i. Issue: Formulate a policy from conversations on campus. Faculty Assembly wants this discussion to happen amongst the faculty.
    - ii. These issues follow within the domain of this committee and are the forefront of academic excellence.
    - iii. Reusch noted that academic excellence is very important. It is important to determine what *excellence* means
  - g. Noronha asked: What falls under the purview of the APC?
    - i. Academic issues
- 5. Objectives of campus plan: emphasis on strategic academic issues
  - a. What is UWT to this area?
  - b. Is this a comprehensive campus?
  - c. What is our niche?
  - d. We should take a collective position.
- 6. Action plan for next week:
  - a. All members should send their regular availability information to Star.
  - b. All members will read the AA strategic plan and provide e-mail comments to Mobus
  - c. Star will set up a mailman e-mail list for the committee, including non-voting members and will try to determine if there is a common time we can all get together for meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

## 7. Adjournment