

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Faculty Assembly Executive Council (EC)
Agenda

May 24, 2012
 Mattress 352
 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

1. Approval of May 9, 2012 meeting minutes.
2. Opportunities for Questions and Requests for Information.
 - Standing Committee Chair Reports {Exhibit A}
3. Votes
 - CLEP Proposal {Exhibits A, B & C}
 - Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy UWT Representative (Michael Kucher, IAS)
4. Chancellor’s Report (Debra Friedman)
5. Budget Presentation and Discussion (Harlan Patterson)
6. Other items
 - *Faculty Assembly Election Results*
 - *Jill Purdy, Vice Chair elected*
 - *Marcy Stein, UWT Faculty Representative to the Graduate School Counsel elected by the UWT Graduate Faculty*
 - *Changes to UWT Bylaws and UWT Handbook Appendix A approved by the voting faculty.*
 - *Upcoming Faculty Assembly Sponsored Events*

Upcoming Executive Council Meetings	Faculty Assembly Meetings 2012 – 2013
• Wednesday, June 6, 2012 MAT 352	• Fall Retreat, Wednesday, September 19, 2012 WPH (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)
• Thursday, October 4, 2012 TBD	
• Wednesday, October 17, 2012 TBD	
Upcoming Events	
• UWT Commencement, Friday June 8, 8:30 – 12:00, Tacoma Dome	

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Attendees: Katie Baird, Vice Chair, Marcie Lazzari, Marjorie Dobratz, Tracy Thompson, Donald Chinn, JW Harrington, Linda Dawson, Peter Selkin, Ehsan Feroz, Charles Williams, Charles Emler, Nita McKinley, Mark Pendras,

Guests: Harlan Patterson, Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services, Derek Levy, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services

Excused: B. Naidus, D. Kinder, L. Wear, Y. Dierwechter, Z. Barsness

Vice Chair Katie Baird chaired the meeting

Announcements:

- A list of Faculty Assembly vacancies by academic units was handed out for follow-up by EC members
- Appreciation lunch for Z. Barsness will take place following the final EC meeting for 2011-2012 academic year, June 5, 2012
- Power will be turned off on campus immediately following commencement for 12 hours – affecting the use of Blackboard
- Two sets of prior EC meeting notes to be sent out under separate cover for EC member vote

1. Approval of May 9, 2012 meeting minutes.

- Postponed for email vote

2. Opportunities for Questions and Requests for Information.

➤ **Standing Committee Chair Reports {Exhibit A}**

- Discussion took place regarding voting on issues from standing committee reports.
 - **APC:** cyber security question discussed, with response that discussion will take place in committee on June 7. R. Friedman and S. Saudagaran have been notified regarding questions from committee.
 - **Faculty Affairs Committee:** A discussion took place regarding the median score issue. A concern was brought up regarding whether the new process will lower scores. Further discussion on when or how many often courses need to be evaluated. Should it be one course per year or all courses?? It is up to each unit. Suggestion that JW Harrington assist in developing a short description on what UWS does via median. Further review will take place and will be discussed at the next EC meeting.

3. Votes

- **CLEP Proposal {Exhibits A, B & C}**
 - APC recommended approving the CLEP Proposal. A discussion ensued regarding endorsing CLEP conceptually as a way to assess previous experience. Faculty then have the power/responsibility to decide if specific exams should be accepted.
 - Discussion ensued that CLEP is not a replacement for UWT courses, but a pathway to accept a larger segmented educational range from a diverse student experience.
 - If faculty reject all CLEP exams, then there is no CLEP at UWT
 - A vote was taken and seconded, and approved with two abstentions,

- **Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy UWT Representative (Michael Kucher, IAS)**
 - M. Kucher was elected as UWT representative on the TCP committee

4. Chancellor's Report (Debra Friedman) (presented by JW Harrington)

- Announced that after two years of pilot study, UWIT has made a decision to pursue Canvas as the University's learning management system (LMS) platform. There's been no formal announcement yet, but Patrick Pow and Colleen Carmean on our campus have informed leadership that it's time to provide an alternative to Blackboard. JW will be making an announcement to campus. This summer will be a pilot and faculty can begin using the system now. In June 2013 the BB server will be gone, and there will be tools to transfer over to Canvas. All new courses will be on Canvas.
- JW announced the planning of a Fall convocation.
 - A message will be sent out to unit heads on the Friday before the Monday classes.
 - There will be a procession, stoles, and music – gathering new students and their families – with students marching to campus in from several directions, led by community and campus members,

5. Budget Presentation and Discussion (Harlan Patterson with input from JW)

- Patterson presented the allocation of new funds for next year
 - Priority for decision has been Growth
 - Alternative ways of building revenue will continue to be a high priority, which is an area of expertise of H. Patterson. Budget will be an ongoing dialogue, and not a biannual dialogue. The challenge is to find new ideas and bring to table to be worked on now.
 - There is an expectation that the SBC will assist in these dialogues as part of the shared governance model.
 - Additionally, there will be meetings between leadership and unit heads to bring the best ideas forward – making it a habit to bring forward ideas for discussion. H. Patterson will go to MSB and request a plan for what is needed to train. UWT also has the ability to get resources for fiscal planning models from UWS.

6. Other items (Not discussed)

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Adjourned 2:03

Exhibit A

Standing Committee Chair Reports May 18, 2012

Academic Policy Committee (Nita McKinley, Chair)

- On Thursday, May 10, the APC voted to recommend that the EC approve the proposal for accepting CLEP credits at UWT (see CLEP proposal attachment forwarded along with Agenda). Some issues noted in the meeting:
 - a) We already accept test scores from Dante. The 45 credits in the proposal would include both Dante and CLEP credits (not 45 of each).
 - b) The 45 credits cap is benchmarked to the lowest number of credits accepted by other state schools.
 - c) The CLEP examinations have improved since UWS last considered them in the 80s before the College Board took them over.

Please see Exhibit B for more information on these issues.

- We also continue to have problems with programs understanding the program approval process (see emails from last week re: proposal from institute and business where proposers believed they did not need APC approval).

Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee (Yonn Dierwertcher, Chair)

- I am abroad May 20-25, so please accept my apologies.
- We have not met since the last EC meeting.
- By and large, I believe the main work of this committee has concluded for the year. However, we are trying to resolve one final issue via email, namely who will chair APT next year.
- My hope is to have this important issue resolved before the end of the quarter. (The work of APT next year will be a bit heavier, with more cases and likely a few associates applying for full; so it is important that we have a full professor chair this committee.)

Curriculum Committee (Katie Baird, Chair)

- Next year we'll be offering some new 1-credit courses in singing/vocal expression. We can look forward to some performances! The Curriculum Committee has also started reviewing some "old" Distance Learning classes, and approved them for permanent status. (When approved initially, all DL classes are approved on a three-year temporary basis.) The Curriculum Committee also decided to meet one time during the summer; program administrators will be informed of the date, and it will be posted on our catalyst website.

Faculty Affairs (Donald Chinn, Chair)

- We will be meeting on Wed, May 30 to discuss the final synthesis and write-up of our interviews with faculty regarding pursuit of external funds. We have invited Joel Baker and Kelly Fitzgerald to discuss what their vision of how university infrastructure can be developed for pursuit of external funding.

A Catalyst survey for Senior Lecturers and full-time Lecturers is now active. The survey is intended to gather information about their experiences at UWT in terms of teaching load, mentoring, and opportunities to participate in university and faculty life. The survey will be open until June 1.

We have gotten a little feedback from some of the programs regarding the use of adjusted medians in student evaluation scores. The feedback so far is mixed (some think it is a good idea, others are concerned that the scores would be lower).

- Faculty Affairs representatives are in the process of collecting feedback regarding the use of adjusted medians in reporting of student evaluation scores.

Strategic Budget Committee (Marcie Lazzari, Chair)

- No new business to report. The SBC will be meeting again on Monday, May 21 in preparation for the committee's meeting with the Chancellor on May 22. I will share any new information that emerges from this meeting with the EC in person.

**Additional Information in Support of CLEP Proposal
Provided by Derek Levy, Associate Vice Chancellor Enrollment Services**

Nita McKinley in her APC report identified three issues that were considered during the discussion of the CLEP proposal by members of the APC. I expanded these below, based upon the College Board visit and faculty discussions.

1. All UW campuses already accept test scores from DANTEs, (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support). The credit limit of no more than 45 in the CLEP proposal is inclusive of both DANTEs and CLEP credits (not 45 of both).
2. The 45 credits is benchmarked to the lowest number of credits accepted by other WA state public baccalaureate schools, as well as the existing UW limit on extension credit of 45.
3. Since UWS last considered them in the 80s, CLEP exams have gone through a major redevelopment. The content of CLEP exams is derived from feedback from faculty nationwide, from two-year, four-year institutions and College Board designed curriculum surveys of faculty.
4. CLEP is a nationally benchmarked assessment tool for prior learning, developed and evaluated by college and university faculty from around the US. Through faculty engagement, CLEP has maintained alignment to first and second year coursework and has continuously been approved for accreditation by the American Council on Education.
5. CLEP would provide additional alternatives for lower division, introductory and language coursework only. This would free up space for students who need the seat time, but also provide alternatives for students when courses are not offered or off sequence with their schedule.
6. Nationally, the average number of exams a student takes is one.
7. The students who take these are highly motivated, often nontraditional students, who frequently fill the efficiency gained by enrolling in more upper division course work.
8. The faculty in the appropriate disciplines will evaluate the individual examinations for worthiness and course equivalency, if applicable; this proposal is to approve CLEP conceptually for UW Tacoma so that we can then move onto faculty assessment of the specific exams- i.e. faculty will determine which exams we will actually accept for credit.
9. Acceptance of CLEP is of critical importance to our relationship with JBLM.