

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA  
FACULTY ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
November 27, 2007  
CP 334A  
12:50-2pm

In Attendance: Greg Benner, Donald Chinn, Jim Coolsen, Jerry Finn, Sharon Fought, Bill Kunz, Karen Landenburger, George Mobus, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Mark Pendras, Jose Rios, Pat Spakes, Marcy Stein

Not in Attendance: Mike Kalton, Janice Laakso

Faculty Assembly Assistant: Jamie Kelley

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of Minutes
  2. Approval of Agenda
  3. Report from the Strategic Planning Committee
  4. Reports from Committee Chairs
  5. Adjournment
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**1. Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from November 8<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**3. Report from the Strategic Planning Committee:**

The attached draft was circulated to faculty via e-mail for review.

(Please see attached draft of the Strategic Planning Goals Statement).

There are three final meetings scheduled to gather input prior to the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with the advisory board. A November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting has been scheduled for the Carwein Auditorium, a discussion will be held in the December 5<sup>th</sup> Faculty Assembly meeting, and a Planning Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Strategic Planning Committee hopes to complete the document either near the end of the fall quarter, or the beginning of the winter quarter. The

holiday break will be an ideal time to review the document. This is a flexible document, and the next tier will involve strategic plans for individual programs. The latest draft is the tenth so far, and it is important that the faculty know that their feedback has been considered in the editing process. The December 10<sup>th</sup> draft will be the edit draft for awhile.

Marcy suggested that despite the fact that some programs will not meet until January, it would be a good idea for the EC members to go back to their programs for an affirmation vote. Faculty will be approving the process in the December 5<sup>th</sup> Faculty Assembly meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee will have had out a one page document in the FA meeting to include an affirmation statement and a description of the implications of the document itself.

George Mobus questioned the extent to which faculty have reviewed the document. He hopes that faculty can read this draft and envision what the campus will look like in 5-10 years, and doesn't feel as though there has been much discussion about this in Faculty Assembly meetings as of yet. Greg Benner would like some discussion about the implications in this document in regard to research.

George explained that research means different things to different people. The committee opted to replace "excellence" with "discovery" to accommodate this accordingly.

Jim Coolsen emphasized that the specificity of this document will come from the programs and administrative units, and that the plan will provide a general direction for UWT.

Pat reminded everyone that the document is in "fair alignment" with the UW document as far as specificity is concerned.

#### **4. Reports from the Committee Chairs:**

Jose Rios gave the EC an update on the work of the Curriculum Committee thus far. They have reviewed their objectives for the year, are soliciting opinions on new curricula, and will be examining data to determine what new classes are needed.

Jerry Finn gave the EC an update from the Faculty Affairs Committee. They have had much discussion about the Strategic Plan drafts. There have been questions raised about the future of the Faculty Workload Draft created last year. It was crafted to be used by programs as a tentative guideline for issues such as Promotion and Tenure procedures. The draft is available for review on the Faculty Affairs page of the Faculty Assembly website.

Karen Landenburger will be stepping in as the Chair of the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee. The committee should have seven members, but there have been some difficulties with this so far this year. The

committee has fourteen files to be read by the first week of December. An issue noted by the AP&T Committee is the lack of available AP&T documents on the FA website. All current documents have been posted.

The Chair of the Academic Policy was not present at the meeting to give a report at this time.

## **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.