

Steering Committee on Tri-Campus Relationships

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At the Winter 2019 Faculty Assembly meeting, Secretary of the Faculty Mike Townsend indicated that as the remaining academic units on the UWT campus are transitioning to schools, there is a need to explore and propose an updated shared governance structure for the Tri-Campus system. In discussing concerns about conflicts in the Faculty Code and other UW policies, Dr. Townsend noted that the President and Provost would welcome proposals from the Tacoma and Bothell campuses regarding a new relationship structure with Seattle, and that these proposals may be distinct for each campus.

To initiate work on developing a proposal for a new relationship structure, a Steering Committee on Tri-Campus Relationships, consisting of two administrative leaders and two faculty members, will be commissioned by the Chancellor. This committee will be responsible for two functions:

1) To coordinate and communicate with the Seattle and Bothell campuses on issues that are of interest to all three campuses. Collaboration across all UW campuses is required because if approved, this work would result in changes to the Faculty Code and/or new legislation requiring approval of the Faculty Senate.

2) To identify and coordinate work groups of faculty and staff that explore and propose new structures and processes for the UW Tacoma/UW Seattle relationship and Tri-Campus relationships more generally. These work groups might address topics such as:

- Schools and Faculty: APT authority, status of Schools relative to Schools in Seattle, authority for workload, other Code issues;
- Curriculum and Academics: course and program approvals, transfer equivalencies, control of summer school;
- Systems and Operations: financial aid, student databases, registration and transcripts, financial authorities, Title IX, fundraising;
- External Relationships: relationships to Board of Regents, legislature, alumni relations.

To ensure transparency, this committee will solicit feedback from all faculty and report progress to the Executive Council. To identify the faculty members who will serve on the Steering Committee, a nomination and application process will be conducted. All voting faculty members are eligible to be nominated and those who are interested in serving will be asked to write a short statement to address how they satisfy the prioritized criteria listed below. Executive Council members will vote to elect two faculty members and the Chancellor will appoint two administrative leaders.

Prioritized criteria to serve on this steering committee include the following:

1. Established experience in academic leadership roles.
2. Broad knowledge of tri-campus policies and practices (faculty, administrative, etc.) including Faculty Code, administrative procedures, and decision rights;

3. Ability to work collaboratively with faculty, administration and staff to lead a complex, multi-year project;
4. Cross-campus relationships that support information gathering and exchange across UW;
5. Awareness of federal and state legislation, compliance requirements for universities, and shared accreditation issues;

The anticipated term of service on this steering committee is 3 years. Faculty members on the Steering Committee will be provided with compensation in the form of supplemental pay or course release to support their leadership roles in this work. The exact nature of the compensation will be recommended by the Steering Committee, as they define the scope and scale of the work.