

Milgard School of Business
Faculty Council Meeting
November 12, 2021

Present Voting Members: S. Davalos, F. Leng, G. Seow, G. Viers
Present Non-Voting Members: A. Merchant, S. Norman, A. Tripathy
Guests: K. Dugan, E. Hermansen, H. So

Meeting called to order at 12:33pm
Minutes from October 15, 2021 approved.

1. Financial Literacy Updates – Hui Suk shared update on launch of Center for Financial Wellness mission and website. Plan is to offer workshops, classes, speakers to promote financial wellbeing among students and community. Shared how Center is divided into two areas of focus: Financial Literacy and Wealth Creation. Partnering with local high schools to share about events in CFW. Will serve as educational tool and to help promote recruitment.
2. Milgard Hall Updates – Kevin Dugan provided update on progress of Milgard Hall. Highlights include:
 - a. 30% of construction contracts went to South Sound businesses
 - b. 3-week carpenter strike did not affect the project timeline
 - c. Working with Milgard family to decide on signage
 - d. Cross-laminated timber components will assemble quickly once on-site
 - e. Goal for substantial building completion is Sept. 2022, Open to all Jan. 2023
 - f. Space designated for Milgard usage in new Milgard Hall will be guaranteed in future. Request has been made to keep DOU 401 for graduate lounges after Milgard Hall opens, outcome TBD.
3. UWT Academic Plan – Sergio shared that academic plan implemented 2 years ago is still being enforced. Sergio proposing that this 4-year plan should be revisited now that there is new campus leadership. Sergio will share current plan and process via email.
4. Faculty Service Workload/Assignments – Stephen shared administration's view of what faculty are doing in terms of institutional/unit service. Stephen will send out document via email for review. Fei inquired about including historical data on past few years of service for context.
5. GPC/MCL Alternatives – Sergio emailed faculty about inability to fill this role. Zoe is the only MSB faculty who is eligible. Four options discussed: 1) open up to any graduate faculty member 2) have Zoe represent MCL but be a non-voting member for anything MBA related 3) fill with part-time lecture position 4) do nothing. FC Recommendation: make exception to bylaws to allow any graduate faculty member to serve on MCL Committee.

6. Role of the FC – Discussion of what role FC plays in giving feedback regarding programs, oversight of standing committees, feedback to Dean. Sergio shared view that FC should have a voice in strategic planning, such as budget planning, academic planning, and curriculum such as program refresh initiatives.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41

Submitted by Ellen Hermansen