

## **Amending UWT Faculty Assembly Bylaws: Adding Article V, Section 4, B.; B.1.; B.2. and B.3.**

The UWT Faculty Assembly Bylaws provide for amendment “at any regularly scheduled Faculty Assembly meeting by two-thirds vote of those present provided notice of intent is given at the previous regular meeting or when submitted in writing to all faculty at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which action is taken.” Article XI Amendments.

### **Proposed Legislation Background and Rationale**

The proposed amendments are intended to establish a permanent Research Advisory Council (RAC) to represent and be consulted on matters of significant importance for the wellbeing of faculty on the UW Tacoma campus. The current RAC exists as an ad hoc committee and its members would like it to be a permanent council within Faculty Assembly. These amendments delineate the Charge, Membership, Election and Term for the RAC to be included under the concurrently proposed Article V, Section 4: Advisory Liaisons and Councils.

### **Proposed Changes to the UWT Faculty Assembly Bylaws**

The following changes will be made to the Bylaws:

- Adding Article V, Section 4, B. Research Advisory Council
- Adding Article V, Section 4, B. 1. Charge for the Research Advisory Council
- Adding Article V, Section 4, B. 2. Membership for the Research Advisory Council
- Adding Article V, Section 4, B. 3. Election and Term for the Research Advisory Council

### **The Proposed Class A Legislation**

Be it resolved by the UWT Faculty Assembly to submit to the faculty for approval or rejection that Article V, Section 4, B.; Article V Section 4, B.1., Article V, Section 4, B.2.; and Article V, Section 4, B.3. of the UWT Faculty Assembly Bylaws be amended to read as shown below.

#### **B. Research Advisory Council**

1. Charge – The Research Advisory Council (RAC) will advocate on behalf of faculty and advise Academic Affairs leadership on issues pertaining to research and scholarship and will steward campus research culture. It will advocate for the integral role of research, scholarship, creative works, and community engagement in UW Tacoma’s identity and mission; collaborate with the Office of Research, **the Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Success,** and other units supporting faculty scholarship in planning programming, initiatives, and events to help faculty develop and support a variety of research practices; advocate for community connections and opportunities for UWT Researchers; provide feedback to university leadership on research support infrastructure; assess faculty concerns; advise university leadership in developing and updating research policies and practices; and oversee the review process of such UW Tacoma’s campus research funds and awards **as may be allocated** with the assistance of the Office of Research.

2. Membership –The RAC will consist of seven voting faculty members, representing a broad range of research **and scholarship** methodologies and goals (such as qualitative and quantitative methodologies, sponsored research, community engaged research, and creative work), from at least three different units. Ex-officio non-voting members will include the Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Success and representatives from the Office of Research, the Office of Community Partnerships, the UW Tacoma Library, and other offices, as determined by the Executive Council.

3. Election and Term – The Faculty Assembly Executive Council will call for nominations for the RAC and elect members each Spring quarter, or whenever needed to fill a vacancy. In recruiting RAC members, the Executive Council will seek to ensure that the RAC meets the criteria for representation described in Section 4.B.2., Membership. RAC members will serve for a term of three years and can be elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms, staggered so that no more than three members will be elected in a given year, except in the case of a vacancy. The members will elect the Chair of the RAC for a term of one year.

PENDING FINAL VOTE