CLASS B LEGISLATION: TRI-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

MOVED by the Executive Council of the University of Washington Tacoma Faculty Assembly:

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effective shared governance requires regular communication between representatives and the faculty they represent; and

WHEREAS transparency and faculty input strengthen the quality of tri-campus policy deliberations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council adopts the following policy for tri-campus committee representatives:

TRI-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNICATION POLICY

I) **ANNUAL CHARGE:** Representatives shall share their committee's annual charge (or equivalent work plan/priorities) with the Executive Council within four weeks of its finalization.

II) **QUARTERLY CHECK-INS:** Representatives shall provide quarterly updates to the Executive Council regarding their committee's activities. Updates may be provided in written or oral form, at the representative's discretion, and should focus on matters of relevance to UW Tacoma. During quarters with minimal committee activity, a brief statement to that effect satisfies this requirement.

III) **INPUT SOLICITATION:** When substantive policy matters affecting UW Tacoma faculty are under consideration, representatives shall solicit input from UW Tacoma faculty through one or more of the following methods:

- Presentation at a Faculty Assembly or Faculty Assembly Executive Council meeting
- Consultation with relevant standing committees
- Coordination with the Executive Council and/or Faculty Assembly leadership to host an open forum or listening session for UW Tacoma faculty
- Coordination with the Executive Council and/or Faculty Assembly leadership to create and distribute an electronic survey to UW Tacoma faculty

Such input solicitation may be incorporated into the quarterly check-ins when appropriate, and shall occur as needed, based on the significance and urgency of matters under consideration.

IV) **INDEPENDENCE:** Nothing in this policy shall be construed to direct or control how representatives vote on tri-campus matters, override tri-campus committee procedures, require disclosure of confidential deliberations, or create binding mandates regarding representatives' positions.

V) **IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW:** This policy shall be implemented beginning Academic Year 2025-26 and reviewed after two years to assess effectiveness and feasibility.

Approved by the Executive Council at the November 14, 2025 Executive Council Meeting