1. We postponed the approval of the minutes from February 18, 2010

2. Update on the Budget process: Katie Baird and Marcie Lazzari
   Katie Baird has been a member of the Budget Committee for two years. This year the Budget Committee is responsible for allocating incremental, non-permanent funds. Marcie Lazzari noted that the Budget Committee recommends incremental funds to the Chancellor. Chancellor Patricia Spakes noted that she makes the final decisions regarding any allocation of these funds.

   This year there are three sources of incremental funds; revenue from tuition increases, summer enrollment, and overall enrollment. From the additional operating revenue, the Budget Committee will make recommendations to the Chancellor.

   Discussion: Chancellor Spakes explained that she will decide the sources of revenues and how they will be allocated. For example, summer enrollment money will either be allocated to units or to the campus as a whole. Once Chancellor Spakes has made the decision, the Budget Committee will make recommendations. Baird noted that the budget committee will make recommendations to the Chancellor about how the other two sources of funds should be used. In the end, it is the Chancellor’s decision.

   Tracey asked whether over enrollment funds are considered state funds, to which Chancellor Spakes responded, they are not, since they come from student tuition.

   Baird explained the over enrollment funds are based on 250 FTE, which would yield an estimated net revenue of $240,000. Reusch asked what percent does the state give for each student, which Baird responded that $5,700 is given for each
student. Rushing added that there is a total a total of $7,700 in tuition dollars for each FTE.

Baird explained that tuition increases next year are estimated to bring in a net of $770,000. The budget committee has been asked to recommend how to allocate $520,000 in temporary funds and $250,000 in permanent dollars, for a total of $770,000.

Requests from units across campus for funding have totaled $806,000 in temporary funds, and $374,000 in permanent funds, for a total of $1,180,000. Baird advised that these requests have been submitted in writing, along with their rationale and are available on the budget website. The Budget Committee will deliberating over these requests during two April meetings.

Tracy Thompson asked what the former process was for allocating summer funds. Chancellor Spakes explained that in the past the Chancellor’s office has appropriated summer funds as temporary funds. This year all funding sources are available.

Dobratz asked whether surplus revenue can be moved to permanent funds. Chancellor Spakes responded that stimulus is non permanent. The spending is based on the established priorities which are critical and urgent needs. Baird added that the Budget Committee’s charge has been to evaluate the proposals based on the three criteria, if not we have to deny the request.

3. Nominations for Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly:
An email will be sent out on uwtfac@u.washington.edu

4. Discussion of reduced amount of Senators

The FA EC must decide the election and distribution of senators for the Faculty Senate. This might be divided among programs or out of a pool of the entire Faculty Assembly.

Thompson asked about the frequency of Faculty Senate meetings. Zoe Barness responded that they are two times a quarter. Barness noted that a priority should be how the senators will report back from these meetings to the FA EC.

Action: Johann Reusch asked the FA EC to discuss this with their programs and a further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

5. Faculty Disciplining Process: postponed due to lack of time.

6. Open Public Meetings: Marcia Killien, Secretary of the Faculty; AG Jack Johnson, and Eliza Saunders from Seattle will be present from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. The attendees agreed to hold this meeting in a closed session.

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.