

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Minutes
Faculty Assembly Executive Council (FA EC)
Thursday, May 13, 2010
CP 206c
12:30-2:00 p.m.

Attendance: Johann Reusch, Chair; Marcie Lazzari, Vice Chair; Greg Benner, Linda Dawson, Marjorie Dobratz, Emily N. Ignacio, Janice Laakso, Peter Selkin, Larry Wear, Tracy Thompson, Zoe Barsness, Appointment Promotion Tenure (APT); Donald Chinn, Faculty Affairs (FA); Deirdre Raynor, Academic Policy Committee (APC); Chancellor Patricia Spakes

1. The minutes from April 15, 2010 were approved.
2. Update on Admission and Graduation Appeals (APC)
 - a) The language from this vote will go to BB Miller Murray

On February 1, 2010, APC decided that "program specific appeals would go to the student's program and that appeals regarding institutional requirements [includes residency requirements and admission/graduation deficiencies] would go to APC. APC could consult with the student's program if that seemed appropriate."

EC changed the language and EC approved: "Appeals regarding program specific requirements would go to student's program and those appeals regarding institutional requirements [includes residency requirements and admission/graduation deficiencies] would go to APC. APC could consult with the student's program if that seemed appropriate."

b) Student Appeals

APC met on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 to discuss a specific student appeal. APC would like to forward a recommendation to EC.

Zoe Barsness noted that standing committees handle reviews without forwarding their recommendation to the FA EC. For example, Appointment Promotion and Tenure reviews faculty files.

Tracey Thompson suggested standing committees should discuss process: what should come to the FA EC versus what should be handled by the standing committee, at the Annual Faculty Assembly retreat.

Deirdre Raynor suggested APC will handle specific student issues in terms of the current UW Tacoma campus policy and make a recommendation to EC. APC is concerned there are potential legal ramifications. Raynor explained APC can only make a recommendation around policy since the UWT campus is in the process of strengthening their policy surrounding appeals.

Chancellor Patricia Spakes asked whether there is a separate committee to handle Student appeals at UW Tacoma.

Marcie Lazzari, FA EC Vice Chair noted the Seattle has a separate committee who works with the registrar regarding student appeals.

Chancellor Spakes explained to Raynor this specific appeal is urgent. In the future there might be program and campus process/ body.

Next steps: Further research will focus on who appoints this committee on the Seattle campus.

Action: APC will meet on June 8, 2010 to discuss their process for student appeals.

3. Update on University Disciplinary Committee:

Marcie Lazzari has been in discussions with Julie Draper, Associate Director of Student Services, about the University Disciplinary Committee. Barsness noted understanding the process is useful information for both new and current faculty.

4. Nomination to Graduate Council:

Johann Reusch informed the FA EC Beth Kalikoff from IAS was nominated for the Graduate Council. Two UWT Faculty Assembly representatives serve on this committee, but we only need to replace Michael Forman at this time.

Zoe Barsness asked about the time requirements and responsibility for this position. Reusch explained this council discusses policy. The meetings are in Seattle. The UWT representative will meet with the dean of the graduate school.

Larry Wear asked if the Graduate Council representative is involved with the graduate reviews to which Reusch responded, "yes".

Action: The FA EC will send out a formal call for nominations via uwtfac and it will be open for one week.

5. Proposed Changes to the FA Government Structure.

- a. Reusch reminded the FA EC the communication between the EC and programs has been strengthened with the new representative model this

year. Now the question is whether the FA EC should be connected to the program councils. Reusch asked if FA EC should explore whether this should be a change in the bylaws.

Tracy Thompson asked whether the Business School Council at UW Seattle reports to the UW Faculty Senate to which Reusch responded, yes.

The UW Senate recognizes our standing committees as councils. Zoe Barsness noted, in conversations with JW Harrington, one of the multi-year objectives is to communicate with program councils.

- b. Executive Council representation within programs. Peter Selkin, IAS FA EC representative would like to continue strengthening direct communication with his program.

Thompson suggested the FA EC work over the summer to add “strengthening EC representation in programs” as a priority regarding governance. Selkin added the FA EC could handle informally work on this next year.

Suggestion: Spakes noted discussions about Schools at UWT. Schools would be led by directors, not deans, with the exception of the School of Business. Spakes suggested that if this type of change occurs, it might impact how councils interface with EC.

6. Feedback on full Faculty Assembly meeting

- a. Time and preparation

Barsness suggested the FA EC consider the time of the full Faculty Assembly meetings. If this is once per quarter, FA EC might schedule this on a Friday.

Reusch suggested another possibility, video conferencing.

Selkin suggested encouraging more participation before the meetings with online discussions. Donald Chinn and Larry Wear agreed.

- b. Course Release:

Chancellor Spakes explained Vice Chancellor Beth Rushing has discretionary [I think this is temporary money.] money to allocate for Standing Committee Chairs. This will be one course release. No decisions finalized, but \$20, 112.00 has been allocated. Spakes added Academic Affairs was funding the Chair of the Curriculum Committee’s course release starting two years ago. There was some discussion about the lack of clarity in terms of who has been funding the course release for the CC chair.

Marcie Lazzari added financial support has been increased for the Chair and Vice Chair starting the summer of 2009.

Both Reusch and Lazzari thanked Chancellor Spakes for the work Academic Affairs put into this decision. Lazzari would like the standing committee chairs to be in place by the end of this academic year

c. Free Hour

Thompson asked if the free hour still exists to which Chancellor Spakes responded, this is a program decision.

d. Commitment to Service on Standing Committees

Barsness suggested, since APT did have quorum issues this year, leading to potential legal exposure on faculty reviews, FA EC should consider implementing a mechanism for accountability of the chairs and committee representatives.

Greg Benner suggested the FA EC provide guidance to standing committee chairs about reporting back at the FA EC meetings next year.

Barsness noted the APT will consider changing the term representatives' terms to 3 years. APT will stagger the terms.

7. FA EC discussed cancelling the last meeting, scheduled for June 10, 2010. They decided to keep the date, which will allow the standing committees to bring any resolutions and recommendations to that meeting.

8. Faculty Assembly fall retreat

Lazzari suggested Monday, September 27, 2010. Lazzari asked if the morning session should just include FA EC or include all the chairs of the standing committees.

Barsness suggested both the FA EC and standing committees meet in the morning.

Reusch asked the agenda and suggestions be sent out in advance.

Emily Ignacio suggested the FA EC meet after the full Faculty Assembly meeting to show the faculty the FA EC has taken their feedback into consideration and to address their feedback.

9. Chancellor Spakes met with Finance, Audit and the Facilities Committee. The funding package for the construction of the Jefferson St. building was unanimously approved. This includes the library surge space.

Spakes requested the EC help disseminate to the UW Tacoma community, these funds are not legally permitted for support of our instructional mission. They can only be used for construction projects. Therefore, these funds will not take away from the funding available for general operating.

Barness asked whether the graduate student fees are increasing and going to building expenses.

Spakes responded this increase in graduate student fees applies to the Seattle campus. Next year UWT students will decide where their funds will go. As of now, UWT students are not involved with Seattle conversations.

10. Next time: Students might be included on some standing committees. This will help governance by adding multiple voices.

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