

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Faculty Assembly Executive Council
Meeting
October 29, 2009
12:35 – 1:25 p.m. CP 331

Attendees: Johann Reusch, Chair; Marcie Lazzari, Vice Chair; Mark Pendras, Ehsan Feroz, Tracy Thompson, Greg Benner, Janice Laakso, Larry Wear, Emily Ignacio, Kima Cargill, Peter Selkin, Marjorie Dobratz; Beth Rushing, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA), Ex-Officio

Synopsis:

1. Approve the minutes from October 8, 2009
2. Academic Plan
3. Foundations of Excellence (FOE)
4. Appointment Tenure and Promotion Committee (ATPC)
5. Update: bylaws change
6. Adjournment

Minutes:

1. The October 8, 2009 minutes were approved.
2. Academic Plan

Marcie Lazzari asked Beth Rushing about the authorship of the plan, to which she responded that it was a draft that started with conversations with Directors over the Summer of 2009. Rushing reviewed the history of academic planning, including the work of committees such as Review and Approval of Planned Programs (RAPP) and more recently (Program Administrators Review Committee) PARC. After these years of new program proposals, we then faced budget cuts and will likely be considering budget cuts next year. She stated that this draft has been developed because there is a need for the campus to have a list of priorities that will guide the allocation of resources in the future.

Tracy Thompson asked Rushing to clarify Academic Affairs' procedure to include an opportunity for faculty voice. Rushing explained that the Academic Leadership Council stressed that this is draft document. Once Academic Policy Committee has provided feedback, it will come to EC. Thompson suggested that faculty should have an opportunity to systematically articulate how this process works. Lazzari agreed that faculty involvement will help with the refinement of the Academic Plan.

The EC decided to table this discussion until all units have had a chance to provide feedback.

3. [Foundations of Excellence \(FOE\)](#): Reusch advised the EC that the study about the student's first year experience is being reviewed by the Academic Policy Committee

(AOC). Reusch suggested EC should be concerned with the lack of Faculty Assembly input and its implications for faculty workload.

Rushing advised that Deirdre Raynor and Becky Ethridge chaired FOE; it was conducted with seventy participants. Rushing noted that there is a faculty development component. In addition the study discusses how well faculty serve first-year students and whether there are incentives available to faculty who teach first-year students. FOE includes governance issues. Wear added that it includes the efficacy of advising for first year students: one issue is in General Education. He added that he has concerns about the advising and that the issues were raised last academic year as well. Laakso concurred. Benner asked if there is data about UW Tacoma students in comparison with students on other campuses. Rushing replied that NESSE data is available.

4. Appointment Tenure and Promotion Committee (ATPC): Reusch raised the issue of abiding by the faculty code with regard to program representation.
 - a. Per the UW Tacoma bylaws: *Membership: The voting membership of the UWT Faculty Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure shall consist of no less than seven (7) members. Each academic unit will be represented by a tenured faculty member. In units with no tenured faculty, there will be no representation. Each academic unit will elect a representative. Academic unit heads are not eligible to serve. The term of office shall be two years.*

Ehsan Feroz suggested that the EC clarify membership with Susan Folk and Marcia Killien in the UW Faculty Senate. Reusch clarified that he has contacted Killien, but will talk in greater depth. Emily Ignacio noted that the language states that each unit should be represented. Reusch suggested that the EC table this discussion until he can speak with Marcia Killien for further discussion.

5. Bylaws change to add standing committee chairs to the Executive Council
Report Back:
Reusch asked for report backs from each unit. Larry Wear, Institute of Technology; Tracy Thompson, Business; Janice Laakso, Social Work; Greg Benner, Education, Marjorie Dobratz, Nursing; Mark Pendras, Urban Studies; all noted that their units do not have strong objections and support the bylaws change. Peter Selkin said that it is going to IAS on October 30, 2009.
6. Winter Quarter Meetings: Mark Pendras asked for the EC to consider rotating meeting dates, so that all faculty can have the opportunity to mediate their teaching schedules and meetings. The EC will provide their schedules to the Faculty Assembly Office Assistant.
Schedule: Pendras asked to have a rotating schedule.
7. Executive Mode
8. Adjournment 1:34 p.m.