

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA  
FACULTY ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

April 2, 2008

CP 103

12:50-2:00 pm

In Attendance: Donald Chinn, Sharon Fought, Diane Kinder, Bill Kunz, Janice Laakso, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Mark Pendras, Beth Rushing, Pat Spakes, Marcy Stein

Not in Attendance: Greg Benner

Guests: Jim Coolsen, Jim Posey, Jill Purdy

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2008
3. Report from the Chancellor's Office
4. Report from the Chair of Faculty Assembly
5. Old Business:
  - a. Scheduling Matrix
  - b. Peer Institutions
  - c. Faculty Assembly Leadership 2008-2009
6. New Business:
  - a. Budget Update
7. Agenda for Faculty Assembly meeting on April 9
8. Adjournment

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from February 4, 2008 were approved.

**3. Report from the Chancellor**

The Governor signed the budget yesterday and UWT did pretty well. We did not get a school counselor, but we did get funding for the acquisition of real estate.

Pat also discussed the draft strategic growth plan that lays out how fast we will grow. President Emmert would like UWT to grow to 4,000 to 5,000 FTE in the next five years. 5,000 FTE would get us to a critical mass that would provide efficiencies we do not currently have. Growth at UWT would occur while UWS does not grow. How do we achieve the president's benchmarks and what are reasonable benchmarks? Fluctuations in growth have been tied to the funding or lack thereof UWT has received from the state. Pat would like to lay out for President Emmert, the Regents, and others a plan for growth that is predictable from year to year. Pat's plan is for growth to 4,000 FTE in five years and 5,000 FTE in seven years, but this growth plan cannot go forward without sufficient funding. (See attached document for further details.) The plan will go out for review to each unit for discussion and comment. There will also be discussion in Faculty Assembly and the Staff Association to encourage cross-unit comment, as well.

Discussion about the proposal included the potential problem of enrollment targets that we cannot meet, which is why we need to review the plan every two years. Pat does not believe this plan is here for punitive purposes. Another concern regards President Emmert's comment to promote research that is regionally relevant, which could be interpreted to not promote other kinds of research. Another question raised the issue of how we are going to provide enough space for the increased numbers of students projected in the plan. The plan should help illustrate this problem. Other questions and comments concerned the growth of existing graduate programs and new graduate programs; different rates of growth in the first vs. the second year of the biennium; whether the local population will be sufficient to support increased FTE; whether we can maintain quality in the face of rapid growth when UWT has not been sufficiently funded for growth in the past; and funding for resident halls.

#### **4. Report from the Chair of Faculty Assembly:**

At the last Faculty Senate meeting it was announced that the new Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate will be Bruce Balick who expressed interest in closer communication and collaboration among the three campuses during his address to the Faculty Senate on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Old Business:**

a. Scheduling Matrix: Jim Coolson has been working with a campus committee to come up with a new scheduling matrix that will use classroom space more efficiently. In order to put this matrix into place for 2008-2009, the campus needs to act now. The academic programs, the EC, and the Faculty Assembly have reviewed the matrix and all agree it can accommodate scheduling needs for evening students, accreditation requirements, etc. Jim Coolson indicated he would continue to work to provide scheduling/rooms needed to accommodate

breaks in 3-hour block classes in Nursing and Education. By consensus, the EC voted to approve putting the matrix into place starting Autumn 2008.

b. Peer Institutions: Discussion has already begun on campus regarding the identification of UWT's peer institutions. The Chancellor's Leadership Council ranked the variables used to come up with peers. The faculty needs to look at the list of variables and how they were ranked and come up with other variables if they choose. It is also clear that each program may have its own list of peers and aspirational peers that are different from the campus-wide list generated. Pat stressed that this peer list is for planning and comparison purposes for UWT. Marcy asked Jim Posey to provide a one-page sheet with a rationale for the existing list and the reasoning behind it. Jim is also researching the potential peer institutions that faculty have submitted to him.

c. Faculty Assembly Leadership 2008-2009: Michael Forman has agreed to run for Chair of Faculty Assembly. We still need to find a Vice Chair.

## **6. New Business:**

a. Budget Update: Jill Purdy gave a report on the Budget Committee's work. Right now the committee is working on requests for 2008-09. As usual, the requests far outnumber the amount of funds available. The committee is also seeing patterns for certain kinds of requests that could be addressed in the future. The committee has made huge strides in providing more transparency by posting information on the website and making reports to different campus units. But there is still work to be done to coordinate budgeting with strategic planning and to involve Faculty Assembly in the budget process.

## **7. Agenda for the Faculty Assembly meeting on April 9, 2008:**

- a. Strategic Growth Plan**
- b. Peer Institutions**

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.