UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA
FACULTY ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
November 27, 2007
CP 334A
12:50-2pm

In Attendance: Greg Benner, Donald Chinn, Jim Coolsen, Jerry Finn, Sharon Fought, Bill Kunz, Karen Landenburger, George Mobus, Stern Neill, Julie Nicoletta, Mark Pendras, Jose Rios, Pat Spakes, Marcy Stein

Not in Attendance: Mike Kalton, Janice Laakso

Faculty Assembly Assistant: Jamie Kelley

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Report from the Strategic Planning Committee
4. Reports from Committee Chairs
5. Adjournment

1. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from November 8th were approved.

3. Report from the Strategic Planning Committee:

The attached draft was circulated to faculty via e-mail for review. (Please see attached draft of the Strategic Planning Goals Statement).
There are three final meetings scheduled to gather input prior to the December 14th meeting with the advisory board. A November 28th meeting has been scheduled for the Carwein Auditorium, a discussion will be held in the December 5th Faculty Assembly meeting, and a Planning Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for December 6th.

The Strategic Planning Committee hopes to complete the document either near the end of the fall quarter, or the beginning of the winter quarter. The
holiday break will be an ideal time to review the document. This is a flexible
document, and the next tier will involve strategic plans for individual
programs. The latest draft is the tenth so far, and it is important that the
faculty know that their feedback has been considered in the editing process.
The December 10th draft will be the edit draft for awhile.

Marcy suggested that despite the fact that some programs will not meet until
January, it would be a good idea for the EC members to go back to their
programs for an affirmation vote. Faculty will be approving the process in the
December 5th Faculty Assembly meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee
will had out a one page document in the FA meeting to include an affirmation
statement and a description of the implications of the document itself.

George Mobus questioned the extent to which faculty have reviewed the
document. He hopes that faculty can read this draft and envision what the
campus will look like in 5-10 years, and doesn’t feel as though there has been
much discussion about this in Faculty Assembly meetings as of yet.
Greg Benner would like some discussion about the implications in this
document in regard to research.
George explained that research means different things to different people. The
committee opted to replace “excellence” with “discovery” to accommodate
this accordingly.
Jim Coolsen emphasized that the specificity of this document will come from
the programs and administrative units, and that the plan will provide a general
direction for UWT.
Pat reminded everyone that the document is in “fair alignment” with the UW
document as far as specificity is concerned.

4. Reports from the Committee Chairs:

Jose Rios gave the EC an update on the work of the Curriculum Committee
thus far. They have reviewed their objectives for the year, are soliciting
opinions on new curricula, and will be examining data to determine what new
classes are needed.

Jerry Finn gave the EC an update from the Faculty Affairs Committee. They
have had much discussion about the Strategic Plan drafts. There have been
questions raised about the future of the Faculty Workload Draft created last
year. It was crafted to be used by programs as a tentative guideline for issues
such as Promotion and Tenure procedures. The draft is available for review on
the Faculty Affairs page of the Faculty Assembly website.

Karen Landenburger will be stepping in as the Chair of the Appointment,
Promotion and Tenure Committee. The committee should have seven
members, but there have been some difficulties with this so far this year. The
committee has fourteen files to be read by the first week of December. An issue noted by the AP&T Committee is the lack of available AP&T documents on the FA website. All current documents have been posted.

The Chair of the Academic Policy was not present at the meeting to give a report at this time.

5. **Adjournment**

   The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.