

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA

Agenda

Faculty Assembly Faculty Affairs (FA)

Monday, April 11, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 10 a.m.

CP 103

Attendance: Donald Chinn; Chair, Bonnie Becker, Erin Casey, Sergio Davalos, Denise Drevdahl, Matthew Weinstein

- 1. The minutes from March 8, 2011 were approved.**
- 2. Findings from the Research Survey**

Each FA member discussed sections of the data they analyzed. Bonnie Becker discussed the quantitative aspects of the data. Denise Drevdahl and Matthew Weinstein looked at university support of scholarship. Donald Chinn looked at barriers to productivity.

There were some concerns, one of which is the small sample size. Part of this may be due to the small number of faculty who are using the resources available for research.

Becker suggested clarifying what resources that is currently available for scholarship. Specifically, Becker suggested that faculty need clarity on what percentage of time is expected for research.

Drevdahl and Weinstein found that the Carnegie status at UWT must be clarified along with how this relates to UW Seattle. They also found that the Tenure and Promotion process within programs should be clarified. In addition faculty wanted to know the process for T&P in Seattle. Specifically, Weinstein noted that UW Tacoma is a "Metropolitan Masters Granting Institution."

Chinn found that post-award administration, the submission process and dealing with the Office of Sponsored Programs, and connecting and collaborating with peers at UWT were barriers to research. Additionally, Chinn noted comments on interdisciplinarity (that it is not rewarding), self-barriers, and the NSF web application.

Generally, the FA members agreed that support for teaching could indirectly increase support for research, e.g. administrative support - copy center and class/lab resources. The expectation is that if support for teaching is increased this will save time for faculty who are experiencing workload variances.

Faculty Assembly will report these concerns along with any others they have found. FA will bring a summary of their findings and identify three

recommendations. Once they have the summaries they will present this to the Executive Council and Faculty Assembly.

Action: Each Faculty Affairs member agreed to summarize their finding and Davalos will be the final editor.

3. The meeting adjourned 9:45 a.m.