

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Minutes
Faculty Assembly Faculty Affairs (FA)
Tuesday, November 30, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
CP 206C

Attendance: Donald Chinn, Chair; Erin Casey, Erica Cline, Sergio Davalos, Denise Drevdahl, Matthew Weinstein

1. The minutes from November 16, 2010 were approved.

2. Research survey

Donald Chinn will forward minor revisions to Sergio Davalos: three changes: Q2: added "if applicable," Q4: added "do not wish to answer," Q6: added "(Bothell/Seattle)" to the UW choice. Other members have already forwarded feedback via email or on the committee's list serve.

Action: FA unanimously agreed to recommend to the Faculty Assembly Executive Council that Faculty Assembly publish this as a Catalyst survey.

3. Update regarding documents described in the University Handbook and joint work with the Appointment Promotion and Tenure Committee

Chinn, FA Chair and Emily N. Ignacio, Chair of Appointment Promotion and Tenure, will meet with program directors, and Beth Rushing, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. They will discuss third year reviews, APT procedure, extra-meritorious versus meritorious. This meeting will convey the committees' role and fact finding mission discussed in the last Faculty Affairs meeting. The chairs will meet with program directors and Rushing to discuss what they have found.

4. Teaching evaluations

Chinn asked Faculty Affairs if they would like to address teaching evaluations and their potential to impact APT procedures. Chinn provided an overview of the Executive Council (EC) meetings during autumn 2010. One of the EC members introduced research indicating student evaluations and its effectiveness.

Matthew Weinstein suggested Faculty Affairs should start looking at the work that has been done to address Student Teaching Evaluations. Weinstein suggested FA contact Greg Benner. Denise Drevdahl suggested Cheryl Greengrove, Beth Kalikoff, and Tracy Thompson. UWT Colleagues have held public presentations offering alternatives to the existing student evaluations. Erica Cline noted that of the existing student evaluations, faculty have several to choose from.

In addition to the type of measurement, weight, frequency, and requirements vary depending on the academic program. FA members felt it is important for programs to address this because it will take time and resources. Because the time associated with developing a solution could be lengthy, one member suggested one program start a taskforce and possibly be compensated. However, compensation is unlikely in light of the state deficit and of UWT's allocation of resources/budget constraints.

5. Meeting time for winter 2011 quarter

Faculty Affairs decided to keep their Tuesday meetings from 2-3 p.m. Star A. Murray, Faculty Assembly Office Assistant, will send out the room confirmation once she has them.

6. The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.