UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Faculty Assembly Faculty Affairs (FA) Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2013
12:30-1:30pm
GWP 215

Attendance: Donald Chinn (Chair), Rupinder Jindal, Matthew Weinstein
Excused absences: Katie Adamson, Chris Demaske, Anne Wessells

1. Since there was no quorum for the meeting, approval of the minutes of January 14, 2013 was tabled.

2. **Support for the Lecturer Affairs committee**
   All members reported (either through email or at today's meeting) on their collection of information to support the Lecturer Affairs committee. Not everyone has completed the task, but those who haven't are working on it.

3. **Future work for the committee**
   Some possible issues that the committee could address were suggested.
   a. Investigating the ramifications of a 12-month schedule for the university. In a number of different meetings (e.g. Executive Council and Faculty Assembly), Chancellor Friedman has expressed an interest in reorganizing the academic year into a 12-month program. How such an arrangement would be implements, what it actually means, and how that will impact faculty, students, and administration could be topics of investigation.
   b. Teaching loads. The topic of teaching loads has arisen several times over the past years, and given rising enrollments and new demands on faculty, the issue of teaching load is relevant and timely. Such an investigation could begin (as it has in the past) with a comparison of how teaching loads are addressed at UW Bothell.
   c. Peer institutions with respect to tenure and promotion. There has been much discussion in recent years regarding peer institutions as a way to measure progress. The notion of a "peer institution" itself has many dimensions, such as its mission, its size, the student population it serves, the structure of its programs/departments, publications/scholarship, aspirational. In the particular situation of tenure and promotion, what aspects of an institution should we use as a way to identify our peers?

4. **The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.**