

Present: Associated Students President Jocelyn Patterson; Staff Association Co-Chairs Megan Bentley-Moon and Robbie Lang; Faculty Assembly Chair Nita McKinley and Vice Chair Marcie Lazzari; and Chancellor Mark Pagano

I. Survey results discussed (in alphabetic order)

Coincidentally, the Staff Association, Associated Students, and the Faculty Assembly, ran simultaneous surveys during winter quarter 2015. These points of concern were discussed.

A. Campus identity

Students

The current senior students have had three chancellors during their four years; the inconsistency has led to a confused campus identity. Possible characteristics are: urban-serving, Research-1, South Sound Serving, and Non-Traditional Students (with families, older, first generation, and transfer).

Faculty

A vision is needed; urban-serving was an imposed buzz-word without collaboration. Urban-serving seems to be a slogan versus being implemented. Community-serving research takes a longer period of time than most kinds of research and so faculty involved are not able to produce a high amount of publications and therefore not able to meet research requirements. Articulation and inclusion of diversity are needed in teaching and research.

Chancellor

There is outside pressure to tell campus what to be. With the pending capital campaign, specific branding is necessary. Campus cannot back off of urban-serving mission, but there are many definitions of what that means in the U.S. We need to decide ourselves how to actualize that mission. We need to reward those who are following that mission.

B. Childcare

Students

The current situations are: a) It can take up to four years for a student to receive funding for consistent daycare. B) The YMCA provides childcare for short periods of time for \$2 per hour. C) Our school, United Way, and Children's Museum of Tacoma are combining to create center that plans to open in winter 2016 allocating spaces to children of staff, faculty, and students firstly, then to the community. The Regents are also aware of this long-standing need and the efforts that groups on campus are putting in.

Faculty

There is a long history of this campaign. In their next meeting, the Faculty Senate will be seeking a resolution for childcare, which may or may not affect Tacoma.

Staff

Originally, the Early Learning Center of Tacoma Community College was going to partner with UWT. They have expertise in running their own program with Early Childhood Education students, but TCC has pulled out. The staff's largest question regarding these plans is how space will be allocated between the staff, faculty, and students.

C. Collaboration in processes

Faculty

One key element discussed in all three constituency groups is in process; we would like continue to find ways to collaborate across campus.

D. Diversity

Students

Last quarter the different campuses held walkouts: Bothell over the DRC, Seattle over Ferguson, and Tacoma over faculty diversity. Students do not see their background reflected in their instructors. The numbers and ratios do not match.

Staff

We need to tap faculty as resources

Chancellor

Interim President Ana Mari Cauce wants to carry a two-year discussion involving diversity on all three campuses

E. Parking and transportation

Students

Students have moved away from asking for free parking. Staff, faculty, and students compete for parking spaces along with community members. Owning a permit does not meet owing a parking space. Student workers have no parking at the YMCA. One answer is to encourage other means of transportation. Currently the Business Improvement Area coalition pays for Tacoma Link light rail.

Faculty

UWT's parking permits are sold within days at the start of a quarter. Parking for evening classes can be dangerous. There have been safety issues at night. The City of Tacoma changed parking on Pacific Avenue from two hours to 90 minutes. Pressure came from businesses so that they could have new customers. Parking at the Tacoma Dome Station Parking Garage fills daily. Pierce County voters continue to vote for cut backs on the public transportation system.

Staff

The U-PASS is optional at the Tacoma campus, but a mandatory fee for Seattle.

Chancellor

There needs to be a variety of solutions.

F. Smoke-free and tobacco-free campus

Students

Nursing students wanted a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus. Smoking locations were on the Americans with Disabilities Act ramps and were recently moved with proper receptacles. A group of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership students have created year-long education campaign for next year.

Staff

How would a smoke-free, tobacco-free campus be implemented? What kind of work would that create for Safety and Security?

Chancellor

It is a good goal to have and students would need support from faculty and staff. =We need to be cautious in how to deal with public. Campus would need an increase in signage.

II. Future meetings

The group decided to meet twice quarterly; Mary A. Smith, Administrative Coordinator to the Faculty Assembly, will coordinate schedules with Alina Solano, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor.

The Chancellor mentioned a planning process will occur over the summer which will include weekly reading assignments, which could include these surveys.