

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

Updates

Associated Students

- Elections have finished; there is a possible case of fouling campaign policy
- Noted that there is a campus mood due to fatigue

Chancellor

- Has been with the community, including going to supporter's homes, and in Seattle and Olympia
- Will spend time with faculty, May 26th, and in a town hall, June 1st, to update everyone
- Can report that the community loves UW Tacoma
- We need to make sure that we are available to all of South Sound

Budget

- Shared a budget process and organizational chart
- Will create two committees: Campus Budget Committee (CBC), with wider input, and the Executive Budget Committee (EBC), who will implement and carry through decisions
- Jan Rutledge, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance, will be added to the EBC, as a non-partisan member, in addition to the Vice Chancellors

Faculty Assembly

- One more Executive Council meeting for the year: June 3rd
- Finished elections on May 15th

Staff Association

- About to have a special election for a Co-Chair
- Summer picnic planned for August
- During the May 29th SA meeting: the Chancellor will visit, survey results will be shared, and distinguished and unsung hero awards will be announced

Common themes discussed (in alphabetical order)

Strategic planning process

Chancellor

- Feels that there is a need on campus for transparency and communication
- Process will be open and formalized with input starting in September

- Bonnie Becker, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Academic Initiatives and Associate Professor in the School of IAS; and Richard Wilkinson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness and Development; (the co-chairs) will meet with the Chancellor; Joshua Garcia, Deputy Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools; and a consultant will look to how design the process and engage the campus and community
- This group will hold between 25-30 members who will commit to readings over the summer
- Asked the directors and deans of the 7 academic units to use a process to select 3 names per unit

Faculty

- Said faculty want to be consulted and possibly hold elections to have true representation
- Asked that this process be communicated to faculty at-large and that the intent is that there will be campus-wide participation and input
- Added that the backstory to faculty being disengaged is because of lack of consultation in the past
- Told the Chancellor that this could be a good example and proof of the transparency that the chancellor talked about earlier. People will ask later who decided who should be on the committee. They will want to know that the Chancellor acting in shared governance

Students

- Requested that one graduate student and one undergraduate student participate
- Concerned that with only 2 students, opinions will be disregarded because of lack of degrees and asked that the student representatives have a place to speak and be respected

Staff

- Requested that two folks served: one professional and one classified and also one academic and one non-academic staff member
- Agreed that there is a campus story that people are not consulted; representatives are not truly representative if consensus and voting are not held
- Mentioned that people felt involved when staff board held a vote for the chancellor search committee members. There will be less pushback if the process was open

Time schedule

Chancellor

- Asked why we changed the time matrix. Group answered to use space available. In an advisory meeting with the Chancellor, a community member commented on seeing classrooms empty even though campus is bustling
- Asked if campus was consulted. Faculty answered there was a report in Executive Council and discussion; the decision was made on campus, but unknown to faculty by whom. Staff added that it was not a broad collaboration; those tasked did due diligence looking at best practices.
- Hopeful to meet challenges with opening new buildings and data collection to hear experiences.

Faculty

- Time slots were not created around types of classes and formats. The best practices were shaped around math classes for example that need more practice and meeting times versus the types of courses that need longer meeting times
- Graduate courses don't necessarily fit into this scheduling

Students

- Time schedule doesn't allow students to function with their clubs and organizations
- In recent survey, asked what were the positives and negatives with the schedule change

The group agreed that data collection should match across groups in the coming school year to look for solutions

VCAA search

Chancellor

- Met with search committee and discussed three candidates
- Held conversations with vice chancellors to get team input
- Performed some added investigation
- Has pursued one candidate
- Asked unit for permission to tenure this person as faculty member while the candidate visited Tacoma with his family
- Is finalizing proceedings