As we continue to mourn the loss of Chancellor Friedman, we must begin working toward identifying a new Chancellor for UWT. Faculty participation in the search process is absolutely vital and will occur through dialogue and faculty representation on the search committee. Interim Chancellor Kenyon Chan, who will chair the Chancellor Search Committee, has asked faculty to consider three questions:

1. What is our vision for UWT’s future?
2. What kind of leader are we seeking?
3. Who might represent the faculty on the search committee?

I encourage you to begin discussing these questions with your colleagues and sharing your thoughts with your elected Faculty Assembly representatives. If you would like to suggest a faculty member to serve on the search committee, please send your ideas to Jill Purdy or Nita McKinley.

On behalf of Jill Purdy, 2013-2014 Chair of the Faculty Assembly

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UW Tacoma FacultyElect Three New Senators

The faculty of UW Tacoma held a special election in March 2014 to fill three vacancies in the University of Washington Faculty Senate. On Friday, March 14th, Jill Purdy, Faculty Assembly Chair announced the three newest senators:

⇒ Jim Gawel, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
⇒ Loly Alcaide Ramirez, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
⇒ Ali Modarres, Urban Studies

They were elected to fulfill the rest of the 2013-2015 term and are eligible to vote and attend immediately. Additionally, this special election does not affect their eligibility to serve two subsequent full terms in the Faculty Senate, should they choose to run for reelection. Jill also expressed gratitude to all the nominees for their willingness to enter into the special election and to all those who voted, stating, “You have helped ensure that UW Tacoma faculty have a strong voice in university governance.”
Congratulations on Recent Promotions

The Provost approved the following Non-Mandatory Promotions:
◊ Tom Diehm, Social Work, to Principal Lecturer
◊ Alexis Wilson, Nursing, to Principal Lecturer
◊ Ankur Teredesai, Institute of Technology, to Professor

Congratulations to each one of you on behalf of the Faculty Assembly body.

Promotion and Tenure Informational Sessions at Anthem

Three informational sessions were held to expose and encourage faculty to engage in the process of promotion. James W. Harrington, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, spoke with additional information from Alison Navarrete, Director of Academic Human Resources, Jill Purdy, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, and Rich Furman, Chair of The Faculty Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure.

⇒ Professors were encouraged to
  ◆ Find creative exposure with national and international colleagues.
  ◆ Access academia.edu.
  ◆ When selecting a committee, seek out those who are willing to champion their scholarship and will appreciate a uniqueness of position at UWT.
  ◆ Submit external letters from those who are not co-authors.

⇒ Assistant Professors were advised to
  ◆ Make a community of scholars for themselves and take risks and select colleagues from around the world and around the corner to exchange ideas and develop relationships early. J.W. mentioned a lot of time academics want to hide away and develop their thoughts and process before they expose themselves to the colleagues.

  ◆ Seek out their dean or director to sift through student reviews and document tactics tried, successes, and goals.

  ◆ Begin publishing right away and consider which publication to submit to depending on the timeline and their review committee.

  ◆ Attend the Summer Publication Workshop and Facilitated Community.

⇒ Lecturers were recommended to:
  ◆ Seek out committees that understood work done in the community and on campus.
  ◆ Have letters from external sources that work in education as much as possible.

Please view APT’s website and UWTacoma’s Handbook for key documents, guidelines, and more.
Summer Publication Workshop and Facilitated Community

Rich Furman, of Social Work and Chair of the Faculty Assembly’s Appointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, and Ali Modarres, Director and Professor of Urban Studies, announced a faculty development opportunity sponsored by Academic Affairs: a summer workshop and facilitated community designed for scholars to improve their writing productivity and ability to publish articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Scholars will develop skills and capacity in several interlocking domains:

⇒ The rituals and techniques of writing productivity
⇒ Skills and knowledge of creating and completing academic articles
⇒ Managing the peer-review process
⇒ And knowledge of and ability to overcome the psychosocial barriers that inhibit scholars’ goals.

Ali and Rich will lead the two-day workshop held on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The community will occur through a Canvas workspace and end on August 29.

Participants must:

⇒ Commit to attending both days of the workshop
⇒ Commit to participating a minimum of one hour per week in the facilitated community.
⇒ Submit a peer-reviewed article by August 27.

The deliverables expected of participants are a:

⇒ Submitted peer-reviewed article by the end of the summer
⇒ The development of a scholarship work agenda (plan).

Priority is given to assistant professors, but full-time lecturers and associate professors are welcome to apply. The application is due April 1st to Rich.

Faculty Admissions Task Force

An Admissions Task Force of several faculty was proposed and passed at the last Executive Council meeting to meet four times during Spring quarter to review files and advise Admissions on holistic review criteria. This task force will serve in a with leadership and structure provided by Karl Smith. At their next meeting, Executive Council will look for representatives with diverse perspectives.

Effective Governance: Sharing Issues

Jill Purdy, FA Chair, suggested in the last Executive Council meeting that representatives set up a regular meeting with their unit leadership, so that important information can be passed along, a procedure will be set that can outlive anyone’s term, and governance can be effective.
You are invited to weigh in on the FA Newsletter

What are you thoughts about the Faculty Assembly newsletter? What do you like about it? What improvements would you like to see made? Please write to Nita McKinley, Jill Purdy and/or Mary A. Smith.

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Current Faculty Assembly Representatives

Education: Greg Benner
Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences: Linda Dawson, Kelly Forrest, Janie Miller, Amos Nascimento, and Huatong Sun
Institute of Technology: Orlando Baiocchi
Milgard School of Business: Juliet Cao and Sergio Davalos
Nursing: Denise Drevdahl
Social Work: Michelle Garner
Urban Studies: Matt Kelley

RSVP for Networking and Conversation Opportunities with the Vice Chancellor: 4/8/2014, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at Two Koi

Summer Publication Workshop and Facilitated Community Applications are due on 4/1/2014 to Rich Furman

Faculty Assembly’s Spring 2014 Quarterly General Meeting: 4/18/14, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Jane Russell Commons