201-2015 Academic Excellence Groups

Ad Hoc Admissions Committee

will work collaboratively with Enrollment Services to fulfill faculty responsibilities for admissions criteria and review of student applicant appeals, review data on admissions outcomes and make recommendations on enrollment practices, and make recommendations to the EC whether to establish a standing committee or to continue as an ad hoc committee.

Faculty appointed to this ad hoc committee are: Marc Dupuis, Full-time Lecturer in Institute of Technology; Meg Henderson, Lecturer in IAS; and Andrea Modarres, Lecturer in IAS.

TWO NEW CAMPUS FELLOWS

The Campus Fellows initiatives were created to allow a small group of faculty to analyze a topic central to academic quality and develop recommendations to improve education at UWT, as well as to develop faculty leadership. Fellows receive a budget of $3000 for their work and recommend an action plan with accountability measures to the EC at the end of their work.

Diversity & Equity in an Urban-Serving Context Campus Fellows

will research Faculty Assembly and EC structure, policy, and procedures, as well as other practices, policies, and procedures subject to or that impact areas of faculty oversight, such as hiring and promotion and tenure and recommend ways to improve how we incorporate diversity and equity into our professional campus work.

Faculty appointed to this campus fellows are: Emily Sanchez Ignacio, Associate Dean of Students and Associate Professor in IAS; Chris Knaus, Professor in Education; Anthony Falit-Baimonte, Full-Time Lecturer in Urban Studies; and Huatong Sun, Assistant Professor in IAS.

Teaching Evaluations Campus Fellows

will research best practices in teaching evaluation and develop a specific action plan of policies and procedures for improving teaching evaluation at UWT. The Teaching Evaluations Campus Fellows are funded in collaboration with the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Faculty appointed to this campus fellows are: Kim Davenport, Lecturer in IAS; Ehsan Feroz, Professor in Business; Linda Ishem, Senior Lecturer in Urban Studies; Tom Koontz, Associate Professor in IAS; and Sushil Oswal, Assistant Professor in IAS.

Executive Council Final Report

The Executive Council Final Report 2013-2014, prepared by Assembly’s Past Chair, Jill Purdy, is ready for you to view.
Quantitative Literacy Campus Fellows’ Movement Endures

The Quantitative Literacy Campus Fellows of 2012-2013 made recommendations for a variety of changes on campus to build quantitative literacy. As a direct result of this group, the following projects were initiated by Linda Dawson, Senior Lecturer in the Science and Math Division of the School of IAS.

Quantitative Workshops were added to the first year Bridge to Success Program (autumn 2013). Linda Dawson worked with Deidre Raynor, Associate Professor for IAS, head of the Bridge Program, and Director of the Office of Undergraduate Education, to develop and teach 5 workshops that reviewed mathematical skills with the assistance of peer tutors. Linda incorporated current issues and water rocket launches to demonstrate mathematical applications. These workshops were continued in autumn 2014. While Linda is on sabbatical, Haley Skipper and Ryan Card, Lecturers for IAS, developed and taught the workshops. Deidre plans to continue the quantitative workshops as part of the Bridge Program in upcoming years with the possibility of expansion and giving credit to students for their quantitative work.

A Collaborative Learning Initiative was proposed by Linda Dawson, as a science and math learning community, designed to help students problem solve in a group environment with peer facilitators. Math and science courses were identified as being most quantitatively challenging. A pilot program was offered in spring 2014 to address pre-calculus and chemistry II courses. Math and science faculty will continue this initiative. Linda will continue to participate and search for funding for this group as part of her sabbatical work. Jutta Heller, Lecturer for IAS, will lead the Collaborative group this year.

View 2012-13 Quantitative Literacy Campus Fellows’ website and report.

Thank you, Linda Dawson, Senior Lecturer for IAS, for this article.

2014-2015 Committee Charges

The APT Committee will work on guidelines for tenure packets and consult with the COACHE survey group. The APCC will review policy on diversity courses, the W designation, and the new program approval process at UWT. Faculty Affairs Committee will look at issues of growth and impacts on campus life, as well as pursue child and elder care support. Please contact your unit representative if you have questions.

Lecturer Issues

Linda Dawson, Senior Lecturer for IAS, became the first lecturer ever on the UWT campus to be granted a sabbatical. She will be working on learning communities for science and math during the academic year 2014-2015. Tom Diehm, Social Work, became the first lecturer to be promoted to a Principal Lecturer on the UWT campus. Campus bylaws changes to clarify promotion processes for lecturers will voted on by UWT faculty the upcoming academic year.

Thank you, Linda Dawson, Senior Lecturer for IAS, for this article.

FA Retreat Report

In her welcome address on September 22, Nita McKinley, Chair of Faculty Assembly (FA), highlighted recent FA accomplishments, and outlined her goals for the 2014-15 academic year. Among these is the goal to increase awareness of FA accomplishments and the importance of shared governance. She requested faculty share with their colleagues why faculty governance is important, communicate with their Executive Council representatives (see list at the end of this newsletter), and to contact her or Marcie Lazzari, Vice Chair, with any comments or concerns. Click to view full PowerPoint presentation.

Panopto Rolls Out

The new lecture capture, Panopto, has a list of the rooms equipped were released. Recording flipped-classroom sessions will also now be available from your laptop, office, or home.

Thank you, Multimedia Production Supervisor Paul Lovelady, for the announcement.
On October 23, Senate Chair Kate O’Neill outlined priorities for the 2014-2015 academic year: Faculty Salary Policy; Hiring, Retention, and Promotion of excellent faculty and diverse faculty; Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policies; and Interdisciplinary research, teaching, and service in the three campuses and communities.

⇒ 4500 students are expected this autumn, including 440 new first year students and 879 new transfer students.
⇒ The advisers will now be integrated into the academic units with another group of advisors carrying a case-load of first-year students.
⇒ The Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) is undergoing a review of the structure, resources, funding and management.
⇒ The Chancellor search is underway, the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs will begin in the autumn term, and the Dean of IAS search will begin next year.
⇒ The first year experience is also being examined and a recommendation was made by an ad hoc committee that met over the summer to change the TCORE model. The motivation of the changes is concern for the retention of first-year students. Faculty expressed concern about changing curriculum without faculty oversight. Bill Kunz will be consulting with the Undergraduate Education Academic Council, which has responsibility for the first-year curriculum.

Life Science Education Advances

The division of Sciences and Mathematics in IAS sent four biologists to the PULSE (Partnership for Undergraduate Life Sciences Education) conference in Seattle to develop strategies for transforming undergraduate life science education on our campus at the programmatic level. They returned with concrete plans for enhancing recruitment and retention into science majors, addressing science phobia in general education science courses, and building a vibrant and informed discipline based education research community.

Jutta Heller, Lecturer; Bonnie Becker, Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Associate Professor; Megan Schwartz, Lecturer; and Erica Cline, SAM Division Chair and Associate Professor.

Thank you Erica Cline for this article.
Upcoming Events

- **University Book Store Celebration**: Friday, Nov 7, 5:30-8:00 pm – please [RSVP](#)
- **UW Combined Fund Drive**: October 16-Nov 28 online at [www.tacoma.uw.edu/cfd](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/cfd)
- UWCFD Coffee Break: Nov 5, 8:30-10:00 am, Columbia Bank Lobby
- UWCFD Trivia night: Nov 19, 4:00-8:00 pm, The Swiss
- VCAA Search Faculty Input: Nov 4, 10:30-11:30am & Nov 5, 8:30-10:30am, CP026C
- Chancellor Search Presentations & Faculty Forums:

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Current Executive Council Members

**Leadership:**
- Chair: [Nita McKinley](#)
- Vice Chair: [Marcie Lazzari](#)
- Faculty Affairs Chair: [Anne Wessells](#)
- Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee Chair: [Lauren Montgomery](#)
- Appointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee Chair: [Bryan Goda](#)

**Unit Representatives:**
- Institute of Technology: [Orlando Baiocchi](#) and [Charles Costarella](#)
- Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences: [Kelly Forrest](#), [Janie Miller](#), [Amos Nascimento](#), [Huatong Sun](#), and [Haley Skipper](#)
- Business: [Juliet Cao](#) and [Sergio Davalos](#)
- Education: [Julia Aguirre](#)
- Nursing: [Denise Drevdahl](#)
- Social Work: [Michelle Garner](#)
- Urban Studies: [Matt Kelley](#)

**Ex-officio:**
- Past Chair: [Jill Purdy](#)
- Chancellor: [Kenyon Chan](#)
- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: [Bill Kunz](#)