

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Faculty Assembly Faculty Affairs (FA) Minutes
Monday, May 14, 2012
12:30-1:30pm
GWP 303

Attendance: Donald Chinn (Chair), Erin Casey, Sergio Davalos
Excused absence: Denise Drevdahl, Johann Reusch
Unexcused absence: Matthew Weinstein

1. The minutes from April 30, 2012 were approved.

2. Updates: EC, lecturer survey.

Chinn provided a brief update of activities in the Executive Council. He also gave an update on the lecturer survey (developed and to be administered by Katie Baird, Linda Dawson, and Donald Chinn). It should be available sometime this week.

3. Discussion/synthesis of the report on faculty and external grants.

There was a discussion of the current version of the report, and concrete suggestions for recommendations were made. Sergio and Erin were asked to edit their part of the report into more of a narrative description rather than bulleted points.

The committee will invite Joel Baker (Center for Urban Waters) and Kelly Fitzgerald (Director of Sponsored Research) to discuss with the committee their vision of how to develop a research infrastructure for faculty who wish to pursue external funding.

4. Use of adjusted medians in reporting of student evaluations of teaching.

There was some reporting of the program feedback regarding the use of adjusted medians in student evaluations of teaching. Not all programs have provided feedback yet, but the feedback received so far is mixed. Some faculty are fine with the recommendation, and others are concerned that the adjusted median score will be lower than the raw median score.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.