

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Faculty Assembly Faculty Affairs (FA) Minutes
Wednesday, May 30, 2012
12:30-1:30pm
CP 103

Attendance: Donald Chinn (Chair), Erin Casey, Sergio Davalos, Denise Drevdahl, Matthew Weinstein

Excused absence: Johann Reusch

1. The minutes from May 14, 2012 were approved.

2. Daycare update.

Chinn provided an update to the committee on the progress to provide daycare to faculty, staff, and students at UWT. Previous possibilities (e.g. Bright Horizons) have fallen through. Chancellor Friedman is supportive of the efforts to have daycare available, but the challenge at this point is to find a viable partner. Members of the daycare task force are looking into other possibilities (some examples are United Way, Bates CTC, Tacoma CC, and St. Joes). They plan to report on their discussions with these possible partners in mid-June.

3. Feedback from units on the use of adjusted medians in reporting of student evaluations of teaching.

The summary of feedback by program is as follows. Nursing is generally against the reporting of adjusted medians. Social Work is in favor of it. The Director of Urban Studies was contacted on this issue, but there has been no response. The issue was raised in Education, but no one has expressed any opinions yet. In Business, the issue was on the agenda for one of the faculty meetings, but time ran out of the meeting and the item was not addressed. No report from IAS yet. In the Institute, one faculty member expressed concerns and another was in favor of it.

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

The committee has almost completed the report on faculty who were interviewed to provide information and suggestions for external grants. Chinn will work on the final touches of the report and the committee will vote for approval of the document via email within the next week or two.

5. Discussion with Joel Baker (Center for Urban Waters) and Kelly Fitzgerald (Director of Sponsored Research).

The committee invited Joel Baker and Kelly Fitzgerald to discuss their experiences with building infrastructure for research/scholarship and future plans. A variety of issues were raised, many of which the committee discovered when interviewing faculty for the external grants report. They include: post-grant administration, hiring support personnel, mentoring,

the summer workshop, and providing ways for faculty to find out what other faculty are doing.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.