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**BOARD OF REGENTS
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee
January 9, 2014
142 Gerberding Hall**

Call to Order and Attendance

Committee Chair Regent Ayer called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Committee members present: Regents Ayer (Chair), Jaech, Rice, Riojas, and Scott

Other Regents present: Blake, Harrell, Shanahan, Simon, and Smith

Consent Agenda

Regent Ayer asked if item A- 1 could be considered on the consent agenda. Hearing no objections he moved to item A-2

Revision to Resolution: Federal Contracts – Officers of the University (Agenda no. A-1)
(Action)

Academic and Administrative Appointments (Agenda no. A-2) (Action)

Regent Ayer asked Provost Cauce if she wished to highlight any appointments. She declined.

Regent Jaech moved, Regent Rice seconded the motion, and the committee voted to approve the Academic and Administrative Appointments as presented. Regent Scott abstained.

Introduction of New Leadership – Frank and Julie Jungers Dean of Engineering (Agenda no. A-3) (Information only)

Provost Cauce introduced Michael Bragg, who started at UW as the Dean of the College of Engineering in July, 2013. His field is Aerospace Engineering. Dean Bragg talked about the growing number of undergraduates in the college – up 25%, with graduates up 30%; this is without an increase in faculty, staff, or other resources. Students, he said, are attracted by this high tech community. He expressed concerns about the facilities, saying the College is short of space. During the questions, Regents and others asked about the impact of the Sound Transit tunnel under campus, workforce issues, faculty and student diversity, involvement of industry in the College, and about the College's student advisory committee.

Transfer of the Master of Science in Biology Teaching Graduate Program from the Graduate School to the College of the Environment (Agenda no. A-4) (Action)

Regents heard from Rebecca Aanerud, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Planning, The Graduate School; Lisa Graumlich, Dean, College of the Environment; Elizabeth Nesbitt, Director, Biology for Teachers Interdisciplinary Group; and Associate Professor, Earth and Space Sciences, about renaming the Master of Science in Science for Teachers and moving it to the College of Environment. Dean Graumlich said she believed this would enhance interaction with the K-12 community and the program would expand from the current level of two to four enrolled students per year to ten.

Regent Rice moved, Regent Scott seconded, and the committee voted to approve the item.

Limited Waiver Program for Graduate and Professional Students (Agenda no. A-5) (Action)

Regents heard from Jerry Baldasty, Senior Vice Provost for Academic and Student Affairs, and Kellye Testy, Dean, School of Law, about a limited waiver program to be used to strategically recruit non-resident graduate students, especially in Law, Medicine, and Business, where the yield rate has dropped. Dr. Baldasty said the University is seeking permission for a two-year pilot program to focus on quality and excellence. Law School Dean Kellye Testy said she hopes use of these waivers would enhance class size, quality, and diversity at the Law School.

Regent Rice asked that the Committee receive updates on the pilot. An interim report will be provided in May. Regent Blake asked for clarification about the impact of this waiver on in-state qualified students. Dr. Baldasty replied the waiver is not intended to impact in-state students.

Regent Rice moved, Regent Scott seconded, and the committee voted to approve the item.

Helping Prepare Undergraduates for Success: Engagement and Leadership Programs through the Office of Student Life (Agenda no. A-6) (Information only)

Regents heard from Denzil Suite, Vice President for Student Life and students Shahaf Nuriel, Senior, Computer Science and Engineering; Cody Saben, Senior, Foster School of Business (Marketing); and Chelsa Ayers, Junior, Political Science.

Vice President Suite presented information about opportunities for engagement and leadership programs sponsored by the Office of Student Life for undergraduate students. He acknowledged there are programs for graduate and professional students but said the focus of the report would be on undergraduates. Dr. Suite said research shows students involved in campus life (outside of the classroom) graduate at higher rates, receive better grades, and are more satisfied.

Three UW students described their leadership experiences and involvement in ASUW, residence halls, and in a fraternity.

Questions and discussion followed. Regents asked what the Board should be doing to support these leadership opportunities and how this activity is tracked (what data, metrics). Dr. Suite offered ideas about better tracking including developing a database to produce an “involvement transcript.” He said this is a work in progress and there is a lack of historic information. Dr. Cauce said research and internship involvement is important. She also cited the focus to integrate these activities into the academic experience. Dr. Suite said his office plans to launch a comprehensive student experience survey.

Regents also discussed opportunities for involving international students and enhancing their undergraduate experience. Barriers to involvement in these activities include students who work, especially off campus and those who live off campus. First generation college students face barriers also.

Adjourn

Hearing no other business the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.