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**Academic and Student Affairs Committee
May 12, 2016
Petersen Room, Allen Library**

Call to Order and Attendance

Committee Chair Regent Rice called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Committee members present: Regents Rice (Chair), Kritzer, Riojas, and Simon
Other Regents present: Ayer, Benoliel, Blake (by telephone), Harrell, Jaech, and Shanahan
Others present at the table: President Cauce, Provost Baldasty, ASUW President Wu, GPSS President Bolton, and Faculty Senate Chair Beauchamp.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Rice announced that, hearing no objections, the minutes from the Committee meeting on April 14, 2016 would be approved, as distributed.

Academic and Administrative Appointments (Action) (Item no. A-1)

Gerald J. Baldasty, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, highlighted key strategic appointments in the Department of Applied Mathematics and in the Foster School's Department of Management and Organization. He also reported on longer term lecturer appointments at UW Tacoma.

Following a motion and a second, Committee members voted to approve the Academic and Administrative Appointments as proposed. Regent Kritzer abstained.

Community College Engagement Initiative (CCEI) Update (Information) (Item no. A-2)

Paul Rucker, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations, University Advancement, reported on the Community College Engagement Initiative, a year-long self-study designed to review and assess the Washington community college transfer experience at the UW Seattle. This initiative was formed in 2015 and is sponsored by the President and the Provost.

Mr. Rucker welcomed Dr. Jill Wakefield, Chancellor, Seattle Colleges, and congratulated her on her imminent retirement following thirty-five years of leadership and service to community colleges.

President Cauce and Provost Baldasty endorsed the Initiative and reported on the recent appointment of Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange as President of Seattle Central College, following her service as interim president there since August 2015.

Gary Oertli, President, South Seattle College, Vice Chancellor for University Partnerships, Seattle Colleges, and Colleen Ferguson, Project Manager, Community College Engagement Initiative, joined Mr. Rucker to discuss the CCEI. Students who transferred from community colleges to the UW described their experiences. The students formed a group called “Transfer Students United” with a stated purpose of making the transfer process easier. President Oertli described pathways to UW for Seattle school students through the community colleges. Regent Shanahan praised the pathway as a means to help students be successful. Regent Riojas praised student preparedness and cited the need for this work in Eastern Washington. All agreed affordability of higher education remains a challenge and it would be helpful if transfer students received an earlier admissions decision from the UW. Transfer students expressed a need for clearer direction on curriculum. All agreed the engagement between community college and UW faculty around curriculum planning is exciting.

Regent Rice asked Mr. Rucker to return to the Committee with an update and include information regarding UW Bothell, UW Tacoma, and Eastern Washington.

Student Governance and Engagement in UW Decision-making Processes (Information) (Item no. A-3)

Regent Kritzer gathered a group of student leaders to describe the role of students in the UW decision making processes. Each student leader described his or her governance structure:

- Tyler Wu, ASUW President
- Sophie Nop, ASUW Tacoma President
- Dominick Juarez, ASUW Bothell President
- Alex Bolton, GPSS President
- Alice Popejoy, Chair of Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS)
- Karan Grewal, Chair of Arts & Sciences Advisory Council for Students (ASACS)

The group offered three recommendations to improve student involvement in the University’s decision-making processes:

1. Define a common set of budget conversation topics to guide the discussions between Deans, Chancellors, and students each year.
2. Choose student committee members during the previous year or build in a staggered leadership structure so students can take part in the full budget process.
3. Create a central “Budget 101” training for student leaders on Activity Based Budgeting (ABB) and the general university budget process.

Executive Session

The executive session included on the agenda was not held.

Adjourn

Hearing no other business to come before the Committee, Regent Rice adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Approved the meeting of the Committee on June 9, 2016.