

Class C resolution regarding the tri-campus relationship

WHEREAS, the University of Washington has a tri-campus structure with UW Seattle, UW Bothell, and UW Tacoma, with these three campuses functioning as a whole university; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Code and Executive Orders apply equally to faculty on all three campuses; and

WHEREAS, UW Bothell and UW Tacoma have grown since they were first incorporated into the Faculty Code and updates are needed to reflect that growth; and

WHEREAS, Executive Orders have inconsistencies and contradictions with the Faculty Code in regard to the tri-campus structure; and

WHEREAS, these inconsistencies and contradictions affect the academic function of the University from the administrative leadership to the faculty, with some examples including the undefined roles of the vice-chancellors, the status of the deans at UW Bothell and UW Tacoma compared to deans at UW Seattle, and discrepancies in the tenure and promotion process for faculty; and

WHEREAS, the roles of the UW Tacoma and UW Bothell Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, and deans need to be more clearly defined, and Executive Orders and the Faculty Code need to be amended to fix the inconsistencies and contradictions; and

WHEREAS, there are two Chancellor searches underway right now which provide an opportunity to work with faculty leadership on tri-campus relationships, structure and administrative roles; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate strongly urges the President and Provost to:

- 1) meet with leaders from all three campuses, including the Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, the Executive Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs of the UW Tacoma and Bothell campuses, as well as the faculty governance leaders at these, immediately and then on a quarterly basis to create and maintain coordinated leadership across the whole university;
- 2) work with faculty leadership on all three campuses to clearly define the role of the Chancellors, Vice Chancellors and deans;
- 3) encode these new definitions in Executive Orders and work with Faculty Senate to adjust the Faculty Code accordingly;
- 4) correct existing contradictions in previous EO's regarding campuses, deans and chancellors.

Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
February 8, 2021

Approved by:
Faculty Senate
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