

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services

June 4, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Zoom

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of the minutes from May 14, 2020
 3. Chair's Remarks
 4. Report on Back to School planning – Philip J. Reid, Vice Provost for Academic & Student Affairs
 5. Good of the order
 6. Adjourn
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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Review of the minutes from May 14, 2020

The minutes from May 14, 2020 were approved as amended.

3. Chair's Remarks

UW Bothell campus study is underway. Access and safety are part of the analysis.

The Health Sciences Education Building will begin enabling work this Monday. This includes anti vibration measures, fencing, ADA access, and other work.

6 construction workers tested positive for Covid-19 while working on the population health construction site, between March and late April. No new cases have emerged since the end of April for the cohort. Much of the finishes are complete and moving plans for furniture are underway. Substantial completion is scheduled for July 8. The building will be sanitized prior to tenant arrival. The fencing is still up, access still reduced to adjacent buildings as of this writing. There was some discussion of the floor plan model under which people were meant to work in the new building, and new considerations to take under the covid-19 pandemic.

4. Report on Back to School planning – Philip J. Reid, Vice Provost for Academic & Student Affairs

Two groups are working towards back to workspace efforts: Back to Work and Back to School. Washington is now county by county as far as phasing back to in-person working/studying. Phase 3 allows groups of up to 50 to meet whilst maintaining social distancing and other health protocols. Phase

4 is up to groups of 200 with same constraints. Epidemiologists are predicting that King County may be in Phase II in the fall, or fortunate to be in Phase III. Units have been asked to categorize their courses into in-person necessary, remotely (50 or more students), or a hybrid. The Instructional team is working on an inventory of UW's spaces, and started modeling occupancy of those spaces. A reduction of occupancy is looking like one fourth or one eighth of normal class size. UW will be limited in what physical spaces are available. 30 person rooms are down to 4-6 people, and a question remains of even using them given that small capacity. A member asked about the second category and forcing in person instructors, the response was no, faculty will not be forced to teach in-person. IN-person instruction is likely going to be largely restricted in fall, 2020. Commonly touched room features will be sanitized regularly (light switches, room equipment, etc.) Attestation will not scale for students as it works for staff at UW currently.

UW is developing operational plans for the classrooms as far as cleaning, getting in and out of them, maintaining social distancing. The ten-minute pass time will likely be too short for this process thus is may by increased. Instructional labs will be operating at reduced capacity, as well.

Libraries: informal gathering and learning spaces are being considered after instructional spaces. There is a hope for increased sensitivity on the part of students. Keeping large facilities clean with available staff is another difficulty. Access into the libraries to retrieve books and other materials is a separate consideration, ad one being considered, as well. Electronic versions of course materials is one potential solution.

Summer B quarter is going to be remote other than acute medical trainings, and Friday Harbor Labs which is in a different Washington county. It was noted protective equipment will also need to be available in the fall, if Phase III is in effect at that time. This includes sanitizing supplies and PPE. It was noted the supply chain for that equipment is still largely fractured, and it must be available to faculty if they are asked to work in-person. A member also asked about aerosols, as they are largely greater transmitter than surface touching. She noted assessing the safety of a space given aerosols is extremely difficult. It was noted this may further reduce what spaces can be operationalized safely and can be available for instruction.

Study abroad plans for UW students will be impacted. Global Affairs is following CDC travel guidelines at this time from a fear of international travel and spreading COVID-19. There will be incredible caution in greenlighting study abroad for students. It was noted COVID-19 has presented an exercise in patience for students and faculty alike.

Emphasis will be placed on first year student experience, as they are just building their relationship and understanding with the University, provide a sense of community, opportunities for that. Academic support for students given generally no longer working in person is a big consideration of Reid's. The requests to stay in the dorms at UW has skyrocketed, Reid reported. The belief is that they want that sense of community and campus experience, still.

A member asked about course categorization. She asked what extent students are expected to come to classes if they are held on-campus. This includes students who could not travel back to Seattle, and far

hybrid courses, how many students even will take the in-person option. Reid noted they are hoping to allow students to see what courses will be in-person, and which will be online, during or even before registration.

International students, particularly those from China are facing more difficulties with visas. Embassies were cleared when the virus broke out and were no longer able to administer travel visas. They may open in early July. This is one of the most difficult issues as UW has no control over those aspects. Transportation is another difficulty. A member asked about resources for students for understanding safe travel. All sorts of resources are being developed for students and many will be distributed via UW Student Life. The member encouraged that certain type of masks be recommended to faculty, staff, and students. Mask and thermometer may be included in a swag bag for students coming back to campus. Liability was raised. It was noted the Governor's order reduces liability, and it is not a main concern over student safety. It is currently not known if instructors must wear PPE during instruction. EH&S will be consulted on that decision.

UW has a Safe Start website with links on the two task forces, a lot of information is there (link). Reid was thanked for his presentation and answering questions on this difficult topic. He thanked members for their patience.

5. Good of the order

McCormick noted there will still be reduced access to adjacent buildings until we are closer to occupancy for Population Health. Fencing is going up at Health Sciences Building construction site, project is underway. Foster School Mackenzie Hall is in same process as health sciences building. The Board of Regents will decide on going forward with the Engineering Building next week, as well.

Stem 4 Building at UW Bothell has had an adjusted schedule, still assessing the true schedule impact of COVID-19. Unlikely to be ready in September 2022, the former target.

Architecture Resource Org (ARO) has been selected as architect for Tacoma project.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Minutes by Joey Burgess, assistant to the secretary, jmbq@uw.edu

Present:

Faculty Code Section 21-61 A: Ann Marie Borys (chair), Ashley Emery, Bill Erdly, Andy Hoofnagle, Laura Little, Murray Maitland, Gundula Proksch

Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: John Carroll, Alena Wolotira

Faculty Code Section 21-61 C: Lou Cariello

Guests: Phil Reid, Mike McCormick

Absent:

Faculty Code Section 21-61 A: Giovanni Migliaccio