September 16, 2019

Jack Lee, Chair
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs

Dear Professor Lee:

The Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs is charged with responsibility “for all matters of policy relating to the interests of the faculty, such as appointment, tenure, promotion, professional leave, compensation (including salary and fringe benefits), academic freedom, standards of academic performance, and professional ethics” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-36). Activities historically performed include identifying issues and areas of interest on behalf of all UW faculty, especially those relating to potential revisions to the University of Washington Faculty Code, and carrying out the initial stages of those revisions with appropriate feedback from key stakeholders and relevant administrators.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2019-20 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Review Faculty Code language and propose Class A legislation regarding lecturer title changes (i.e. “Teaching Professor” track).
- Review Faculty Code Chapter 24-54 Procedure for Promotions.
- Review and assist with forthcoming dispute resolution language.
- Following the Class C resolution, concerning data on part-time lecturers, continue to explore the status, working conditions, and career paths for part-time, instructional faculty.

After your first council meeting we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing.

Many thanks to you and the members of your council, on behalf of Senate Leadership and the faculty of the University, for all your time and work this coming year. I wish you all the best and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Janes
Chair, Faculty Senate