

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
November 6, 2018
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Odegaard Undergraduate Library 320

Meeting Synopsis

1. Call to order
 2. Review of the minutes from October 2nd, 2018
 3. Housing Report – Aileen Trilles, PSO, and Angelia Miranda, ASUW-S
 4. Student Profile and Resilience Studies – Anne Browning, Undergraduate Academic Affairs
 5. Medical Excuse Note Policy Update
 6. Good of the order
 7. Adjourn
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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Review of the minutes from October 2, 2018

The minutes from October 2, 2018 were approved as written.

3. Housing Report – Aileen Trilles, PSO, and Angelia Miranda, ASUW-S

Aileen Trilles, Human Resources Director in the College of Engineering, and Angelia Miranda, ASUW Director of University Affairs, presented an overview and landscape of work (Exhibit 1) that has been done in regards to affordable housing at the University and at peer institutions. The UW Master Plan indicates that the University will construct 450 affordable units for graduate students, faculty and staff to use. The council discussed whether this issue should be explored further if the Master Plan already intends to do this work.

Chris Laws (the chair) recalled that UW Housing and Food Services (UW HFS) produced internal surveys around affordable housing. The chair suggested that a next step would be to summon guests from UW HFS to future FCSA meetings. The chair also noted that the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB) discussed the UW Master Plan at their last meeting. The 450 units that the Master Plan would construct are not designated for undergraduate students. The Master Plan does expand undergraduate housing in west campus. The time line to complete projects is within 30 years, and it is unclear what will take priority. Trilles will contact Pam Schreiber, Executive Director of HFS, and invite her to a future FCSA meeting.

A member asked if the University has produced a comprehensive housing plan (for student, faculty and staff) that is aligned with the Master Plan, UW Sustainability efforts, and the Diversity Blueprint. The

member further commented that it would make sense for the University to take on a housing agenda rather than thinking about housing in silos. The chair responded that there are elements of this in the Master Plan, but that this was a good question to ask Schreiber when she attends an FCSA meeting.

UW Bothell and Tacoma face separate issues around housing, transportation and campus space; however, the majority of Bothell students live off campus and commute, and Tacoma secured promotional deals for off campus housing options.

4. Student Profile and Resilience Studies – Anne Browning, Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Anne Browning, Director of UW Resilience Lab and Special Assistant to the Dean and Vice Provost of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, presented preliminary data from a recent student resilience study conducted by the UW Resilience Lab (Exhibit 2). Browning also provided a list of the parent scales which outline what types of questions were asked and during which quarter (Exhibit 3).

A member asked if this information will be shared with administrators who are interested in creating more direct to division/admission. Browning has shared that students are more nervous/anxious if they are not directly admitted to their desired program/major, but she has not yet shared data that indicates that students are likely to change their academic pathway (within or outside of the division) if they are directly admitted.

Browning asked the council members if they had any questions or suggestions for what the UW Resilience lab could further investigate. A member asked if the data presented was disaggregated by colleges and majors. Browning responded that a student's intention can be tracked, but they cannot yet determine what college a student enters into. The UW Resilience Lab will continue to follow these students through their four- and six-year graduation rates.

The chair mentioned that the council has worked closely with the Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA), and that it would be worthwhile to see resiliency data for these students. The chair also noted that Frank Hodge, UW Faculty Athletics Representative, will attend the next FCSA meeting (December 4, 2018). Additionally, the chair requested that the UW Resiliency Lab look into Greek communities.

5. Medical Excuse Note Policy Update

The chair provided an overview of key issues relating to a University medical excuse note policy (Exhibit 4). The chair noted that the council is working with the Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning (FCTL) and the Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS). The chair will attend the next FCTL meeting to present this same information (including how religious accommodations relate) and discuss next steps.

The chair asked the council to consider what policy the University should adopt. The chair noted that if the policy does not have teeth (does not explicitly prohibit faculty requesting medical excuse notes) that faculty will still continue to use them.

