University of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services  
March 1, 2018  
10:00am – 11:30am  
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Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
2. Review of the minutes from February 1st, 2018
3. Chair’s remarks
4. Annual Classroom Review – Phil Reid, Nate McKee, Lacey Colleran
5. Good of the Order
6. Adjourn

1) Call to order

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

2) Review of the minutes from February 1st, 2018

The minutes of February 1, 2018 were approved as written.

3) Chair’s Remarks

Christie attended the Provost’s Space Committee recently. Several renovation projects were discussed. A full renovation of Kincaid Hall is planned for $30 million. There is also an unfunded $60 million wish list for the project. Funding will be by debt. Some present residents will be relocated to Population Health. Some added general assignment classrooms are possible in the Kincaid renovation.

UW plans to spend $54 million on limited seismic upgrades over the next four years. Priority has been established by risk and annual funding availability. The first funding will be available in summer of 2018. Parapets will be braced, and floors will be anchored to walls to avoid collapse in the event of a major earthquake. The first projects will be Smith, Mary Gates, Thomson, Music, Gowen, Savery, Johnson, Communications, Harris Hydraulics Laboratory, Portage Bay, and Hall Health.

Parrington Hall is set for full renovation including the introduction of active learning classrooms, which will unfortunately reduce seating capacity.

Clean Energy Institute building will be located on West Campus, west of Population Health, on the site once considered for Population Health.
U-District Sound Transit station overbuild is proceeding as a public-private partnership. UW will lease much of the space in the office tower.

Population Health Education building is planned from a remodel of T-Wing at Health Sciences. This project will include some general assignment classrooms for the South Campus.

4) Annual Classroom Review Update

Phil Reid, Vice Provost for Academic and Student Affairs, introduced the two persons newly in charge of classroom assignments, Nate McKee, Director, Classroom Technologies and Events, UW-IT, and Lacey Colleran, head of South Campus classrooms.

McKee stated that his background was in technological support for classrooms; he reports to Reid. He has had previous experience designing tech-savvy classrooms at the University of Houston. There is an eight-year cycle for upgrading AV and electronic podiums in classrooms. Some equipment is placed only in selected rooms due to cost (e.g., Panopto capture cams cost $25,000 per room). Use of Panopto capture allow lectures to be filmed, but they may also cut in class attendance. In some classrooms, new big-screen TVs are coming, now that the price has dropped.

Nate McKee cited Bagley 131 (300 seats) as an example of a classroom that was recently redone. The total redesign, including tech, cost $1.8 million.

Eight small rooms (25 seats each) in Loew Hall were recently reequipped, but the technology used was light to save cost. The rooms use moveable individual tablet chairs. Each room has a doc cam on the ceiling, which allows for items on the table to be projected. Rooms have been fitted with maximum white boards.

Mary Gates 295 (32 seats) has been refitted with Huddleboard Markerboard tablets that hang on the wall but can be used by student breakout groups.

NanoES 181 (90 seats) uses moveable furniture in group formations. There are large whiteboards. Students may use the room for study space in the evening.

The CSE2 A/V (one 250 seat lecture room, two rooms with 100 seats each) space is in design and will include sophisticated technology in the rooms.

A number of rooms in various buildings are scheduled for AV and tech upgrades in the next four years. Another innovation that is in the works is to replace podium keys that have to be checked out with the use of your Husky card to unlock the podium. When you use your card, the room will automatically reset to your preferred settings. Another change in the works is the development of 360 degree virtual room tours that you will be able to take on your cellphone.

Colleran discussed South Campus general assignment classrooms largely used by Health Science. South Campus Center has been converted into a large active learning classroom (120 seats) with low tech.
There are five adjacent breakout spaces to this room. T-498 now has 55 seats; it was enlarged by using space in adjacent rooms. T-4 Study was previously a storage area.

During 2017-2019, pending funding, Health Sciences will upgrade technology in four lecture halls, install tech in one teaching lab, update other classrooms, and support development of informal spaces.

5) **Good of the Order**

No items were raised.

6) **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Minutes taken by Bill Rorabaugh, rorabaug@uw.edu, FCUFS member

**Present:**  
**Faculty:** Rich Christie (chair), Bruce Balick, AnnMarie Borys, Ashley Emery, Bill Erdly, Laura Little, Murray Maitland, Giovanni Migliaccio, Bill Rorabaugh, Jan Whittington  
**Ex-officio reps:** Chris Byrne  
**President’s designee:** John Chapman  
**Guests:** Phil Reid, Nate McKee, Lacey Colleran

**Absent:**  
**Faculty:** Ann Mescher  
**Ex-officio reps:** John Carroll, Anthony De Simone, Steve Goldblatt