

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
October 3rd, 2017
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Odegaard Undergraduate Library 320

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of the minutes from May 30th, 2017
 3. Chair's report
 4. Review of council charge letter from senate leadership / Discussion of goals for the year
 5. Good of the order
 6. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

Laws called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2) Review of the minutes from May 30th, 2017

The minutes from May 30th, 2017 were approved as written.

3) Chair's report

Members and guests introduced themselves. Laws asked that feedback be given on members' experience using video-conferencing to join the meeting, as a new system was employed to remotely join FCSA meetings during 2017-2018.

Update on Student Conduct Code

Laws reported he recently met with the chair of the newly-created Advisory Council on the Student Conduct Code, a body created as part of revisions to the UW Student Conduct Code during spring 2017. He explained concerns have surfaced related to the legal authority of that body to execute its function, and it was decided the Advisory Council will act as a presidential-advisory body that also regularly reports to the FCSA. Laws explained the Council is currently recruiting its membership and will begin providing updates on implementation of the revised Student Conduct Code once that step is completed.

4) Review of council charge letter from senate leadership / Discussion of goals for the year

The council reviewed the 2017-2018 FCSA charge letter drafted by Faculty Senate leadership (Exhibit 1). Bulleted items within the document were read aloud.

Oversee implementation of SCC

Laws noted FCSA will take a minimalist approach in overseeing implementation of the revised UW Student Conduct Code (passed during AY 2016-2017). It was clarified that federal-level changes from the

Secretary of Education related to Title IX (specifically recommending altering the “standard of evidence” in Title IX cases) has not had any effect on student conduct processes or standard of evidence at the UW.

Affordable student housing

Trilles explained there is a UW housing study going on currently, and resulting data will be able to be shared with the council in spring quarter, 2017. Discussion surfaced the recommendation that the council should do some information gathering on peer institutions in regions with high housing costs, specifically related to how those institutions provide affordable housing to students. It was noted members of UW Housing and Food Services should join the FCSA to provide high-level information on various related questions before spring quarter.

Medical excuse note policies

Laws noted there is a plan to with members from the Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS) and UW Student Life to develop a “medical leave policy for students,” as the university does have an existing policy on the matter. The policy is envisioned to allow students to take medical leave from the university wherein they would not have to reenroll upon their return (as opposed to the current system). FCAS is interested in working on the topic as it has been deemed an “academic standards” issue. Laws explained he and Mark Jenkins (Director, Hall Health Center) will be joining FCAS to present the matter in one of that body’s early meetings. Laws explained the item will be mostly deliberated during fall quarter.

There was some discussion of medical services at the UW Bothell and Tacoma campuses. A member noted UW Bothell does not have a health center or any health services, and ASUW-Bothell has an interest in implementing some sort of medical service at the campus that can provide on-the-spot medical advice to students.

Improved communication with UW Bothell and Tacoma

Laws explained FCSA is holding each of its meetings during academic year 2017-18 in room OUGL 320, a video-conferencing-equipped space, in order to include other-campus faculty and student organizations in meetings. Ezeonwu recommended student life directors from the other campuses also be asked to join FCSA meetings as regular guests.

New items

The charge letter was revised by the council with the addition of new items to address during 2017-2018 (Exhibit 1). Notable items included:

- ❖ Receive presentation on recently-finalized International Student Taskforce Report.
- ❖ Address UW Bothell parking issues, specifically learning about a new campus service titled the Truly Express Shuttle Service.
- ❖ Engage with members from UW Fraternity and Sorority Life, as the organization has begun an initiative to engage with more faculty, and improve communication between faculty and students during 2017-18. A few contact names were given.

- ❖ A member asked that FCSA strike a balance between taking on its own interests and staying informed on issues of general student welfare. Members agreed and several topics of particular interest were highlighted, including study abroad, student athletics, alternative spring breaks, building preparation for seismic activity, the U.S. opioid epidemic as it relates to UW students, and the free speech policy at the university regarding planning for controversial campus events (it was noted the free speech item should be addressed quickly as events are already being planned at UW Seattle).

Laws noted Mark Jenkins would likely be able to provide an update on the opioid epidemic as it relates to the UW when he visits to discuss the student medical leave policy.

5) Good of the order

Topics were identified for deliberation in subsequent fall quarter FCSA meetings. These included updates from Greek Life, Hall Health Center director, Mark Jenkins, chair of the Advisory Council on the Student Conduct Code, and faculty athletic representative, Frank Hodge.

Laws asked student members to consider FCSA's agenda for the 2017-18 academic year through the lens of their student organizations. He noted the council works predominantly for UW students.

6) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes by Joey Burgess, jmbg@uw.edu, council support analyst

Present: **Faculty:** Chris Laws (chair), Christopher Campbell, Doug Brock, Jasmine Bryant, Mabel Ezeonwu, Bruce Hevly, Holly Barker
Ex-officio reps: Aileen Trilles, Warisha Soomru, Navid Azodi
President's designee: Lincoln Johnson

Absent: **Faculty:** Ann Culligan
Ex-officio reps: Carolyn Martin

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – fcsa_chargeletter_17-18.doc



August 28, 2017

Christopher Laws
Chair, Faculty Council on Student Affairs

Dear Professor Laws,

The Faculty Council on Student Affairs is charged with “responsibility for all matters of policy relating to non-academic student affairs such as financial aid, housing, regulation of social affairs, eligibility rules, intercollegiate athletics, and general student welfare” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-38). Activities historically performed include addressing a prioritized list of student-related concerns, inquiries, and interests in council meetings, especially by way of inviting key administrators and stakeholders to provide supplementary information and to receive faculty and student feedback on the issues at-hand.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2017-18 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:

- ❖ Oversee implementation of the newly-revised Student Conduct Code.
- ❖ Investigate availability of affordable student housing at all three campuses of the UW and determine if enough is being done to ensure UW students have financially-viable housing options, specifically in comparison to peer institutions.
- ❖ Evaluate disallowing medical excuse note policies in an effort to protect the efficacy of the Hall Health Center.
- ❖ Facilitate more effective communication with students at UW Tacoma and Bothell.
- ❖ [Invite guests relating to student athletics, UW Transportation Services \(or related services at Bothell/Tacoma\), UW Fraternity and Sorority Life, seismic safety, and controversial public campus events.](#)
- ❖ [Address issues of importance to the international student population at the UW and review associated Taskforce’s report.](#)

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 on their behalf.

Sincerely,

Thaïsa Way
Chair, Faculty Senate
Professor, Landscape Architecture

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