

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
June 3, 2014, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
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Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
 2. Approval of the Agenda
 3. Approval of the Minutes from May 6, 2014
 4. ASUW Update and Plans
 5. GPSS Update and Plans
 6. PSO Update and Plans
 7. ALUW Update and Plans
 8. Chair's Report / Summary of the Year
 9. New Business - Agenda Items & Issues for Next Year
 10. Adjourn
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1) Call to Order

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

2) Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

3) Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2014

The minutes from May 6, 2014 were approved as written.

4) ASUW Update and Plans

McNerney reported on ASUW's new Executive Board which recently selected new leadership. Haley Badger will replace McNerney on the council next year.

McNerney reported ASUW's Student Debt Reduction Committee released its findings to the press today, including an interview on KUOW. McNerney is hoping the rollout will have actual results in reducing student debt. Treser commented that the council is willing to support ASUW and its efforts at reducing student tuition.

McNerney reported on end-of-the-year events, such as the Spring Show and the Rainy Dawg concert.

5) GPSS Update and Plans

Scott reported that GPSS has one final meeting for the academic year. One issue that has been of concern is the recent partnership between UW Medical Center/PeaceHealth and the possible restrictions to the type of care due to PeaceHealth's religious affiliations.

There have also been recent discussions concerning UW divestment, including stocks in agriculture and coal. Scott explained there may be a resolution either this year or beginning Fall Quarter 2014. McNerney added that ASUW passed a similar resolution last year regarding fossil fuel. There was a recent resolution regarding divestment with organizations involved in Israel that was not approved because ASUW did not feel there was consensus across campus to support the resolution.

Treser explained that the council is interested in receiving agenda items from ASUW and GPSS for future council meetings.

6) PSO Update and Plans

Jones Wiles reported that PSO recently had a planning retreat to prepare for a large conference that will be held this summer. The conference will invite professional staff representatives from all institutions across the state including universities and community colleges. Representatives from UW, Highline Community College, Cascadia Community College, and several others were in attendance during the retreat.

Jones Wiles reported that PSO elections are currently underway.

7) ALUW Update and Plans

Tawatao reported that UW Libraries will reintroduce the UW library search engine as the primary search database. This change is a result of the new interface which is a result of several changes over the year including permalinking and citation to records. Tawatao explained UW libraries is very interested in receiving feedback from users in order to expand its current services.

Tawatao discussed a pilot program called "Citation Help Desk" in the Research Commons over the academic year. This service allows students to make appointments with a graduate student with specialized knowledge of UW Libraries' citation management tools. Tawatao explained this has been a popular service but is not sure if the program will continue into next academic year.

Members discussed the benefits of assigning textbooks that are available for free through UW Libraries compared to purchasing them at full price. Treser stated his appreciation for this service as it saves students a tremendous amount of money. Members discussed licensing agreements with publishers and the limitations of access. Treser was aware of one complaint from a student who stated the number of connections to the resource was too full to read. However, after waiting for an hour they were able to get access to the document.

8) Chair's Report/Summary of the Year

Treser explained that he will submit the council's annual report shortly but wanted feedback from members. Items that will be included in the report include:

- Student admissions and applications to UW
- Student athletes
- Academic progress of special admit and priority admit students
- Student aid and student debt

- Transportation issues and the impact of failed Proposition 1

Scott suggested including the recent discussions on department caps on competitive admissions.

9) New Business - Agenda Items & Issues for Next Year

Members discussed agenda items and issues the council should address next academic year. Treser noted that the first meeting in October will be a planning session to identify issues for the council. Members suggested the following items:

- Transit cuts (to be discussed in Fall Quarter)
- Discussion with Phil Ballinger regarding student enrollment (Winter Quarter)
- Leadership changes on the Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (plus the retirement of Pete Dukes as the Faculty Athletic Representative)
- Student financial aid
- New building construction and new classrooms
- Classroom scheduling

McNerney stated the discussion on student debt reduction will ramp up in Winter Quarter 2015 once the legislature has an idea what the funding will look like. McNerney added that Badger will be chairing the task force next academic year.

Members discussed recent campus construction and concern that classrooms are not being added to the new buildings. Treser explained that Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services has recently expanded its role in reviewing new campus construction to weigh in on the issue. Members discussed the importance of classroom space on campus. A comment was made that the Provost feels there are plenty of classrooms available. Rather, the problem is due to inefficient use of current classroom space. A member noted that while classrooms are not being perfectly utilized there is still not enough classrooms at UW, especially for larger classes. A comment was raised that it is UW's responsibility to provide proper classrooms for students. Members discussed their experiences with poor classrooms.

A comment was raised that peak scheduling time is in the afternoon. Additionally, if normal class schedules ran from 7am-5pm UW would not be facing its current scheduling problem. Members discussed the role of building managers reviewing room usage. Members discussed their personal experiences about scheduling conflicts. A suggestion was made to invite Virjean Edwards (University Registrar) to discuss this issue as she has been involved with restructuring and improving classroom availability.

A comment was raised expressing concern about renting classroom space to private groups. A comment was made that UW should not inconvenience students by giving priority to outside groups.

Concern was raised about limited classroom space at the Ethnic Cultural Center. A member attempted to rent classroom space in the past, which are not highly used during the day, but was refused. Discussion ensued. A comment was raised that the center is not allowed to use their empty rooms due to its fee structure. The Ethnic Cultural Center is funded from student activity fees which cannot be used for academic purposes.

A suggestion was made to investigate the issue of limited classroom space. Another suggestion was made to propose a resolution asking the Senate to take action since it is the interface between faculty and the administration. One possibility is to require a certain percentage of new buildings be dedicated to classroom use.

A question was raised asking if there was a resolution to the issue concerning the international student fee. The fee was implemented this fall and is still being applied to international students. However, UW cannot change the fee until next year since it is part of the biannual budget. There is a possibility for the fee to be rolled into general tuition next year that would be charged to all students.

10) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Treser at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Treser (Chair), Ezeonwu, Laws, Lopez, Stroup, Svircev
Ex-Officio Reps: Jones Wiles, Tawatao, McNerney, Scott

Absent: **Faculty:** Burke, Fabien
President's Designee: Johnson
Ex-Officio Reps: n/a