

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

The Faculty Council on University Relations met on Monday, **May 12, 2003**, at 11:30 a.m. Co-chair Christina Emerick presided.

PRESENT: *Professors* Emerick (Co-chair), Hicks, Kozuki and Robertson;
 Ex officio members Arkans, Washines, Whang and Whitney.

ABSENT: *Professors* Dziwirek, Fridley, Regnier and Seifer (Co-chair).
 Ex officio members Doherty and de Tornayay.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of April 14, 2003 were approved as written.

Building Naming Policy – Christina Emerick

Emerick said Sandra Silberstein, Chair of the Faculty Senate, asked her to bring to the council’s attention the “Facilities and Spaces Naming Policy” that is now in the hands of the Board of Regents, and especially to consider whether FCUR believes a faculty member should be on the Building Naming Committee. Silberstein definitely believes a faculty member should be on the committee, preferably a faculty member nominated by the Faculty Senate.

Emerick pointed out that Robert Crittenden, whose term on FCUR expired last year, joined the Building Naming Committee this academic year, and was recommended to the committee by FCUR. Crittenden will be on the committee indefinitely. The committee only meets by e-mail, and only when a new building or landscape or room is in need of a name. Emerick invited Crittenden to today’s council meeting, but he was not able to come. He said he would keep in touch with Seifer in the next academic year, and would be glad to visit the council to report on the Building Naming Committee’s work. Crittenden is a strong advocate of honoring accomplished faculty – and other individuals in the academic community – whenever possible, and the Building Naming Committee is an ideal forum for such consideration.

Emerick said the “Facilities and Spaces Naming Policy” is virtually the same as it was in the draft seen earlier by FCUR. The only change is that the word “should” has replaced the word “must” in four different instances in the text in which the following sentence appears: “Donations for naming should be realized in full within five years of the commitment.” This change affords the Policy greater flexibility with regard to realization of donations once the commitment has been made. Arkans said the “Facilities and Spaces Naming Policy” is a “significant improvement” over the Policy as written in previous years.

Emerick mentioned a question brought up by several council members in discussions on the “Facilities and Spaces Naming Policy”: What if a building, a landscape, or a room should be named for a person who subsequently becomes embroiled in controversy? Emerick said there is no way to make it more explicit that integrity should be an integral part of the character of the person after whom a building, a landscape, or a room is named, than the Policy makes in its present form. (This would apply equally to a corporation and to an individual.) Emerick said that language could be taken “from a contract” and placed in the document, so that the language about integrity would be precise.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE “FACULTIES AND SPACES NAMING POLICY” IN ITS PRESENT FORM, WITH THE CHANGE FROM “MUST” TO “SHOULD” BEING INCLUDED IN THE TEXT. RAMONA HICKS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS PRESENT AT THE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE NAMING POLICY.

ASUW representative Else Washines asked, “If a student group wanted to address building naming issues, what would you recommend that the group do?” Emerick said, “There is no mechanism now that I am aware of.” Arkans said, “If there were sufficient concern on the part of the student group, it should be

expressed through the regular channels: the ASUW and the student Senate. If the student Senate approves the resolution, it should then be sent to the President.” Emerick suggested that it might become a Class C Resolution in the Faculty Senate.

Community Partnerships – Sarena Seifer and Christine Goodheart

Sarena Seifer and Christine Goodheart were not able to attend today’s meeting, but Emerick said that Goodheart was among those from the University who took two buses to Yakima recently, and visited, among several other sites and constituencies, the Yakima Nation and a Spanish language radio station. The University of Washington contingent was well-received, and the trip was both enjoyable and educational.

Updates – Norm Arkans

UW Legislative Budget Request

Arkans informed the council that the special session of the state legislature commences today in Olympia. He noted that there is “not much negotiating” occurring at present, and “no solution to the budget.” Arkans said a letter from four major business leaders in the state – four presidents of major business organizations – was submitted to state legislators in an effort to encourage state support for higher education. The University is deeply appreciative of this gesture.

Recognition Ceremony: June 12: 3 – 5 p.m.

Arkans reminded the council of the upcoming Recognition Ceremony on June 12th at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. He urged all council members to consider attending this ceremony. “It’s our opportunity to honor our own. It’s a very positive occasion: a celebration of what’s best about the people who teach and work at the University of Washington.”

Organizing the introduction of the new President to the UW community and the larger community

Arkans said University Relations is starting to prepare plans to introduce the new UW President to the University community and to the larger community. He also said consideration is being given to the possibility of a special inaugural ceremony in Winter Quarter 2004. Some of what occurs in this process, quite naturally, will result from the new President’s personal style and disposition, or indisposition, towards symbolic ceremonies of this kind. But Arkans said, “With all the budget and other difficulties facing the University now, it might do us all good to have this kind of ceremony: to have an occasion to feel good about ourselves.” Certainly the Convocation honoring the completion of the renovation of Suzzallo Library, in November 2002, was an immense success, and gave a profound sense of joy to all those who were in the Graduate Reading Room for that occasion.”

Unanimous vote of appreciation of the FCUR stewardship of Chair Christina Emerick

Robertson made a MOTION to formally acknowledge, with deepest appreciation, the superb stewardship, now concluding, of Chair Christina Emerick. Ramona Hicks seconded the MOTION. The council voted unanimously to commend the excellence of Christina Emerick’s leadership. Arkans said, “You’ve done a terrific job as chair of this council, Tina. It has been a great pleasure working with you.”

Next meeting

The next FCUR meeting will take place in Autumn Quarter of 2003. Scheduling will occur in September.

Brian Taylor
Recorder