

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Relations
Monday, 8 May 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Kathy Gill called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Review agenda, approval of April minutes
2. Senate Directive: Honorary Degrees – Follow-up from April meeting
Nomination – 2006 Commencement
Proposed procedural guidelines – 2007 Commencement
For consideration, modification to Section I, criteria and guidelines
3. **Old Business**
Vice Chair—Solicit Interest for next year
Update: Honorary Degrees” for Nisei UW Students who were interned in 1942
4. New Business
5. Next Meeting: date TBD

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

No changes or additions were made to the meeting agenda. Gill stated that approval of minutes would be deferred to later in the meeting or until the next meeting depending on whether or not a quorum for the meeting is reached.

**2. Senate Directive: Honorary Degrees
Nomination – 2006 Commencement**

Gill distributed copies of a letter of May 2, 2006 from Sandra O. Archibald, Dean and Professor, Evans School of Public Affairs and Arthur R. M. Nowell, Dean and Professor, College of Ocean & Fishery Sciences nominating William (Bill) D. Ruckelshaus for an Honorary Doctorate to be conferred by the Regents of the University of Washington at the 2006 Commencement.

Arkans stated that William D. Ruckelshaus would be the 2006 Commencement Speaker. This presents the UW with an opportunity to present an Honorary Degree to an individual who has had a most extraordinarily distinguished career in government, business and public service.

Fridley moved to approve the nomination of William D. Ruckelshaus for an Honorary Degree and to recommend to the President that his name be forwarded to the Board of Regents for action. Motion seconded by Jackson. Motion unanimously approved.

Proposed procedural guidelines – 2007 Commencement

Gill passed out copies of the Honorary Degrees at the University of Washington Criteria and Guidelines that was approved by the Council on 27 February 2002 and a copy of a draft of Proposed Procedures for soliciting nominations for honorary degrees. The Proposed Procedures was drafted from the minutes of the April 10th meeting. Gill presented the draft Proposed Procedures for discussion, review and action. If approved, the Proposed Procedures would become part of the Honorary Degrees Criteria and Guidelines. Members discussed the draft Proposed Procedures at length. Motion was made by Fridley to accept the Proposed Procedures with the exception of the third bullet that currently reads: Nominations must originate from the office of a vice president or dean, to be revised to read:

Nominations must originate from the office of a vice president or dean in consultation with respective college councils or departmental faculty. Motion seconded by Okada. Motion unanimously approved.

For consideration, modification to Section I, criteria and guidelines

Members discussed the modification to Section I, Honorary Degrees Criteria and Guidelines. Council members agreed that this discussion should continue at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Old Business

Vice Chair

Gill stated that to date, no one has indicated interest in serving in this capacity, but she will contact Mayer and ask him to consider the position.

Honorary Degrees for Nisei

Lee reported that Carl Smith, Director of Operations of ASUW has sent him a list of the Japanese students that were impacted by the war and unable to complete their degrees. He will email the list to Gill and Arkans.

5. New Business

Gill advised members that she had attended a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee, at which President Emmert spoke about the two transportation projects that could seriously impact traffic and the character of the University Campus. The first project is the Sound Transit Tunnel that will involve 4-6 years of construction traffic including over 200 dump trucks a day for several years. The second is the proposed widening of SR-520.

Council members discussed at length both projects and the long and short-term implications the projects pose for the University. Council members indicated that they would like more information regarding these proposals and inquired if a resolution to the Faculty Senate would be appropriate. Gill informed members that the last Senate meeting of the term is Thursday May 25th.

By general consensus it was agreed that the Faculty Council on University Relations would meet on May 22nd. Gill was directed to contact Faculty Senate President, Ashley Emery and Vice President Gail Stygall regarding this issue and determine if a resolution from the Council would be considered. Gill will contact Council members regarding the outcome of her conversation with the Faculty Senate leadership

6. Next Meeting

May 22nd

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Minutes by Tina Aguilar, Assistant to the Executive Director Media Relations and Communications

Present: Faculty Members: Fridley, Gill (Chair), Jackson, Okada

President's Designee: Arkans

Other ex Officio members: Lee

Absent: Faculty Members: Bramhall, Hevely, Mayer, Odegaard, Parviz

Other ex officio members: Denny, Lovell, Svensson