

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

The Faculty Council on University Relations met on Thursday, **May 4, 2004**, at 1:30 p.m. Chair Sarena Seifer presided.

**PRESENT:**     **Professors** Seifer (chair) and Robertson;  
                  **Ex officio members** Arkans and Hoard;  
                  **Guest** Dr. Ira Harkavy, Associate Vice President and Director, Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania.

**ABSENT:**     **Professors** Bogel, Fridley, Kozuki, Nicholson, Okada and Regnier;  
                  **Ex officio members** Castic, de Tornay, Whang and Whitney.

**Approval of minutes**

Approval of the minutes of April 1, 2004 was deferred due to lack of quorum.

**Dr. Ira Harkavy, Associate Vice President and Director, Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania**

Seifer introduced Dr. Ira Harkavy, and emphasized the council's interest in community partnerships. "We're looking for ways to involve the faculty in the University community, and in partnerships with the community outside the University," she said.

Regarding the Center for Community Partnerships, Dr. Harkavy said that the University of Pennsylvania's engagement in West Philadelphia has multiple prongs. His Center for Community Partnerships reports to the Vice President for Government and Community Affairs. He said there are other offices that also work through the Center. Arts and Sciences, he noted, has its own separate office.

The West Philadelphia Initiatives Committee, said Dr. Harkavy, is a largely administrative body, devoted to economic and commercial development, and to crime-related work and other issues. The committee has done much work in the community, he observed. And West Philadelphia Initiatives continues to help in the community.

Dr. Harkavy said there are now 475 students in the Center for Community Partnerships. He said the Center works with, but also separate from, the Initiatives group. The Center for Community Partnerships is an "academic" Center. It is the strongest tie that the University has to the greater Philadelphia community. Asked whom he reports to, he said, "the Vice President [for Government and Community Affairs]."

Asked about the programs he operates, and where his funding comes from, Dr. Harkavy said his Center has six schools in West Philadelphia, each of which is open for "extended hours." Classes are devoted to topics of health, arts and sciences, technical assistance, "digital divide" projects, community cultural projects, and many other topics. The Center has a staff of 34, with seven core staff funded by the University. There are about 30 FTE's. The Center's staff is funded by NSF and NIH grants, by Wallace Funds, and by state funding.

Dr. Harkavy said the Center has grown gradually. It started in 1992 with only two staff members. A lot of the Center's funds go to the West Philadelphia Partnership. He stressed that "the real engagement in the curriculum needs to be visible. We *do* engage in democratic partnerships. We're able to bring lots of funding to the University. We work with Philadelphia community colleges, and have a developmental center as well." He noted that Philadelphia has the largest concentration of medically-related institutions in the country, and that there are 42 institutions in the region that focus on neighborhood partnerships.

The University of Pennsylvania Medical School works with Dr. Harkavy's Center. The University has developed more community partnerships. "We work in the University area itself as well as in other, often

African-American, neighborhoods. Middle high school students are a lot of the audience we work with. A lot of these high school students work – and even head programs – in the neighborhood.

Asked about criteria for successful community partnership programs, Dr. Harkavy said, “First, you have to have real projects. Then, you have to have real, viable sites, and people who want to work together. We want to work more broadly with neighborhoods *beyond* some of the parameters we’ve had thus far. We try to have real impacts. Our goal is mutual change, in communities and on campus.”

Dr. Harkavy discussed “issues for academics.” Ultimately, he said, they need to be given “key roles that the institution *knows about and encourages.*”

Asked if he is the sole leader of the Center, he said he has three Associate Directors, one of whom does “a lot of our writing,” another of whom is “our replication person.” and a third “who works on community-related issues.”

As for cultural programs, Dr. Harkavy said the Center does have theatre arts, and some performance programs. “But we don’t have much in the way of music programs. You, at the University of Washington, have more varied cultural programs than we do.”

Asked about faculty involvement in community partnership programs, he suggested that the University of Washington “could have an organizing framework for individual faculty to come to.” He suggested: “You could have multiple codes (urban and rural) in your various community partnership programs, if you do it institutionally, and have an organizing center.” He said he was impressed with the Evans School of Public Affairs, but suggested the University could “go beyond what the Evans School is doing, and bring existing entities together.”

Dr. Harkavy met and dined with University of Washington President-Elect Mark Emmert when he was a guest of Louisiana State University. “President Emmert has a strong sense of public mission,” observed Dr. Harkavy.

NOTE: For more information about Dr. Harkavy and the Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania, visit: <http://www.upenn.edu/ccp/>.

### **Next meeting**

This was the last scheduled meeting of the Faculty Council on University Relations for the 2003-2004 academic year. The next FCUR meeting will take place in October of Autumn Quarter, 2004.

Brian Taylor  
Recorder