

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Relations
Monday, 10 April 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Kathy Gill called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Review agenda, approval of minutes
2. Senate Directive: Honorary Degrees – Follow-up from March Meeting
Committee member ad hoc reports
Report, Norm Arkans
Next Steps
Other
3. New Business
Vice Chair—Solicit Interest for next year
“Honorary Degrees” for Nisei UW Students who were interned in 1942?
Smoking Task Force
Other
4. Next Meeting: 8 May, 3:00-5:00, Gerberding 36

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

Meeting agenda was presented and accepted with no changes or additions. The minutes of March 8th were accepted as presented.

2. Senate Directive: Honorary Degrees

Committee member ad hoc reports

Gill distributed a handout “Alma Mater Reports on Honorary Degrees” which condensed the information from Okada on the University of Pennsylvania and Gill from the University of Georgia and Virginia Tech. She also distributed a one-page handout from the University of Georgia-Operating Policy Honorary Degrees and a two-page handout from Virginia Tech-University Honorifics and Honorary Degrees.

Council members discussed at length 1) the pros and cons of awarding the Honorary Degree at Commencement or Academic Convocation. Current procedure does not preclude the Honorary Degree from being awarded at an Academic Convocation.

2) What kind of process should be developed to solicit nominations. Should the general campus community be allowed to submit nominations? If so, what would be the time-line for submission and how and who would be responsible for communication?

3) Participation and role of Deans in soliciting nominations. 4) Time-line for nominations.

Gill suggested the date of October 15th as a deadline to receive nominations. That would allow enough time for the Council to request additional information if needed and approve the nominations to submit to the President’s Office by the end of the Fall Quarter

Gill will draft a process and time-line from today’s meeting notes and send it to Arkans for review.

Arkans suggested that after the Council approves the draft process and time-line a meeting with Pat Wahl, Chair of the Board of Deans, Provost Phyllis Wise and Executive Vice Provost Ana Mari Cauce should be requested to discuss the Honorary Degree Awards.

3. New Business

Vice Chair

Gill asked if any members present would like to volunteer to serve as Council Vice Chair for next year. The Vice Chair position would serve as a back up in the Chair's absence. Gill asked members to consider the request and stated that she would send an e-mail to the Council regarding the position of Vice Chair.

Honorary Degrees for Nisei

Lee reported that this topic would be discussed at the next Student Senate meeting. He said he was not sure how many Japanese students were impacted by the war and unable to complete their degrees. However, he will get as much information as possible and report back to the Council regarding the outcome of this topic.

Arkans stated that he would contact the Registrar to see what records the University has regarding these students.

Smoking Task Force

Gill informed the Council that she is a member of the University Smoking Task Force. One of the major concerns of the Task Force has been managing and disseminating communication to the University community. The Task Force is currently amending the WAC. The policy is currently an Emergency Rule. The WAC states that all smoking areas must be identified. The question before the Task Force is "who is the enforcer" of this policy. Gill stated that she would keep the Council updated on the work and progress of the Task Force.

Other

Lee reported that the Student Senate has multiple issues that will be considered at the next meeting:

1. Military on campus: Don't Tell Don't Ask Policy
2. Recognition of the Nisei

College Civics Week is coming up. Various forums, debates and activities are planned and Secretary of State, Sam Reed, will be on campus the evening of the 24th to promote – Get Out the Vote.

4. Next Meeting Monday, May 8, 2006 3:00-5:00 p.m., Room 36

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes by Tina Aguilar

Present: Faculty Members: Bramhall, Fridely, Gill (Chair), Jackson
President's Designee: Arkans
Other ex Officio members: Lee

Absent: Faculty Members: Hevely, Mayer, Odegaard, Okada, Parviz
Other ex officio members: Denny, Lovell, Svensson