

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Relations
Friday, April 4, 2008
Gerberding Hall, Room 36

Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the two previous meetings**
- 2. Review of the Status of previously Recommended Honorary Degree recipients**
- 3. Consideration of newly recommended candidate for Honorary Degree**
- 4. Current University Issues – Review – Norm Arkans**

Chair Mary Ann Odegaard called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the two previous meetings

The council unanimously approved the revised February 8th minutes and the February 29th minutes.

2. Review of the Status of previously Recommended Honorary Degree recipients

All recommendations from the committee for honorary degrees have been approved by the regents and Quincy Jones will be this year's Commencement speaker and degree recipient.

3. Consideration of newly recommended candidate for Honorary Degree

A newly nominated candidate was considered for an honorary degree. The faculty felt an honorary degree was an improper way of recognizing this individual and strongly supported the creation of a new award that would recognize outstanding public service for the university. The council unanimously passed a resolution to urge the regents to create a Regent's Medal that would allow the administration to nominate and recognize those who make an outstanding contribution to the region and the University of Washington.

The council discussed ways of reminding the faculty soon after commencement of the purpose of this award, of its ongoing nature, and of the need for their nominations.

4. Current University Issues – Review – Norm Arkans

Chair Odegaard and the council decided to invite Theresa Doherty to the next meeting to talk about issues surrounding the 520 bridge, including the three new alternate plans and the environmental impact study.

President's Designee Norm Arkans briefed the council on the Dalai Lama visit. The Dalai Lama arrives in Seattle on April 11th with the purpose of sowing seeds of

compassion into the hearts and minds of children and will receive his honorary doctorate on April 14th.

Arkans also reviewed the results of the legislative session, pointing out that Governor Gregoire maintained the budget ratified last year and no additional money was secured by the University in this supplemental budget. The Everett campus did not go through but the legislature maintained \$100,000 in their budget to continue studying a north campus option.

Arkans concluded by notifying the council of the Alaskan Yukon Pacific Exposition centennial celebration which will take place next year. The celebration of this centennial will be a year long celebration with different events around the city through the summer of 2009. Cunningham Hall, Architecture Hall, and the campus layout/Rainier Vista were constructed for this exposition and will be part of the AYP summer-long event.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

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Present:

Faculty Member: Odegaard, Conroy, Hevly, Jackson, Sutton

President's Designee: Arkans

Ex. Officio Representative: Bolcer

Absent:

Faculty Member: Bramhall, Gill

Ex. Officio Representative: Bidar, Macklin, Norberg