

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Relations
Monday, 6 March 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Review and approval of agenda
2. Report, UW Club/Alumni Association (Odegaard)
3. Committee Member Introductions
4. Senate Directive: Honorary Degrees
History, Status
Discussion, Next Steps
5. Report, Administration reorganization & current external relations issues
(Arkans)
6. Discussion, Outsourcing (Mayer)
7. Set Spring goals and meeting schedule

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

Meeting agenda was presented and accepted with no changes or additions.

2. Report, UW Club/Alumni Association (Odegaard)

Odegaard reported that the UW Club and the Alumni Association are in a preliminary discussion regarding shared space. The goal would be to share a larger facility that would benefit the needs of both organizations and better serve the University and outside communities. A joint committee of individuals from the UW Club and Alumni Association has been formed to work on this proposal. Odegaard stated that since this discussion is still very preliminary, her main purpose in bringing the matter before the Faculty Council on University Relations is to ensure that faculty are aware that these discussions are in process and to solicit input and ideas. She asked Council members to contact her with any input, suggestions or ideas.

3. Committee Member Introductions

Gill welcomed Council members and asked members to introduce themselves and identify their departments and positions.

4. Senate Directive: Honorary Degrees (Arkans)

History, Status

Gill distributed a hand-out outlining the development of the Honorary Degree Guidelines and a hand-out of the guidelines. She stated that the Council has not revisited the Honorary Degree Guidelines since 2002. Since then, three Honorary Degrees have been awarded.

Arkans stated that prior to 2002 the University had no formal procedure for awarding Honorary Degrees. The criteria and guidelines came out of legislation that the Council proposed and was adopted by the Faculty Senate. The Council has jurisdiction over recommending honorary degrees to the President and Board of Regents. Nomination for candidates may come from a variety of sources, including faculty councils, committees, departments, program, schools, colleges or campuses. Honorary Degree nominations must originate from the Faculty. The names of nominees approved by this Council are then forwarded to the President and the Board of Regents.

Discussion, Next Steps

The Council had a general discussion regarding a broader use of the Honorary Degree; nomination criteria; and the awarding of Honorary Degrees to Commencement speakers.

Parvaz asked if there was any kind of Award or Recognition, outside of the Honorary Degree, given by the University to local/regional community members for outstanding service to the community.

Arkans responded that he was not aware of such an award, but that he could see the value of having such an award.

Gill stated that time-lines for nominations and review of nominations for Honorary Degrees have not been established. The Council needs to decide how much time is sufficient for review and the criteria to be used, including a process for informing the faculty and UW campuses about the Honorary Degree.

Gill asked that council members check with their Alma Maters regarding the conferring of Honorary Degrees as far as criteria, process, timeline, etc. That information could serve to guide the Council in future discussions. The Council will continue the discussion of Honorary Degrees at the next meeting.

5. Report, Administration reorganization and current external relations issues

(Arkans)

Arkans gave a brief overview of reorganizations affecting the department of University Relations from 1985 to 2004. In 2004 University Relations was reorganized to support the strategic direction of President Emmert's administration. The position of Vice President for University Relations was eliminated. The unit was renamed Media Relations and Communications with the main focus of the unit being media relations and University communications. Last month, Scott Woodward was appointed by Dr. Emmert to serve as Vice President for External Affairs. Media Relations and Communications, Federal Relations, State Relations and Regional Affairs are all units directly under the charge of the Vice President for External Affairs. Vice President Woodward is currently in the process of hiring a director for a new unit, University Marketing. This new unit will jointly report to the Vice President of External Affairs and the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

6. Discussion, Outsourcing (Mayer)

Mayer distributed a one-page document on Outsourcing Impacts. He stated that it was important to begin a dialogue regarding Outsourcing and the various impacts and implications that it has for the University. Two of the questions posed were:

1. How do, and how may these events, influence activities and programs at the Universities? (case under consideration: UW)
2. How may state and federal officials react to these new realities?

Due to lack of meeting time, he asked that the Council consider the talking points he presented for discussion at a later meeting.

Gill suggested that this item be discussed at the next meeting. Council members agreed that this is an important topic warranting further discussion.

Parvaz asked that the topic of presenting an award or recognition to members of the outside community be continued at a later meeting.

7. Set Spring goals and meeting schedule

Committee members agreed upon the following dates/times for Spring quarter meetings:

Monday, April 10, 2006

3:00 p.m., Room 36

Monday, May, 8, 2006

3:00 p.m., Room 36

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Minutes by Tina Aguilar
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Present: Faculty Members: Bramhall, Fridely, Gill (Chair), Jackson, Mayer,
Odegaard, Okada, Parviz

President's Designee: Arkans

Other ex Officio members: Lee, Svensson

Absent: Faculty Members: Hevely, Poorkaja-Navas

Other ex officio members: Denny, Lovell