

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

The Faculty Council on University Relations met on Wednesday, **January 30, 2002**, at 1:30 p.m. Chair Christina Emerick presided.

PRESENT: **Professors** Emerick (Chair), Crittenden, Dziwirek, Hicks, Robertson and Seifer;
 Ex officio members Anderson, Arkans and Whang;
 Guest Gail Gautestad, Public Relations Coordinator, University Relations.

ABSENT: **Professors** Fridley, Goldblatt, Kozuki, Regnier and Thorud;
 Ex officio members Doherty, deTornyay, Ludwig, Russell, Sjavik and Whitney.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of November 29, 2001 were approved as written.

Voting rights for ex officio positions on FCUR

The council voted to accord voting rights to Rheba deTornyay, Emeritus Faculty representative; Linda Whang, ALUW (Association of Librarians) representative; Anita Whitney, PSO (Professional Staff) representative; and Jeff Anderson, ASUW (Associated Students of the University of Washington) representative.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service – Norm Arkans, Gail Gautestad (University Relations)

Gail Gautestad, Public Relations Coordinator for University Relations, said that over 1,100 students, faculty, and staff pre-registered to participate in the Martin Luther King Day of Service on Monday, January 21, 2002. By the day of the rally, 891 were scheduled to participate. The estimated actual participation is 750. The estimated rally attendance is over 500.

About 85 teams served in communities from Lynnwood to Tacoma to Issaquah, Gautestad said. This included 75 UW residence hall volunteers and many UW Tacoma students and staff. 175 volunteers in the University District helped participated in The Ave Project, at the University District Food bank, at the Street Youth Shelter, at the University Heights Center, and at the Burke Museum, preparing learning materials and crafts projects for elementary children.

As for the translation of service hours into dollars, United Way estimates the value of the volunteer service to be \$15.40 per hour. 750 volunteers for 5 hours at \$15.40 is \$57,750.

Gautestad said the rally “came off very well.” Significant assistance was rendered by United Way. All three campuses participated in the rally. President McCormick, Mayor Greg Nickels, English Professor Charles Johnson, and several student leaders spoke to the gathering.

Gautestad said the rally and service “made an impact in our neighborhoods and also in Tacoma.” She said the majority of volunteers were students (85%); 2-3% were faculty; and the rest (12-13%) were staff.

Asked if this kind of event could be scheduled on a quarterly basis, instead of on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day only, Gautestad said this would be difficult to do. From the standpoint both of preparation and of cost, it would be extremely difficult. Arkans noted that one and one-half people did all the advance work for this event. “We do not have the resources to do it more than on the one official day,” he said. He also stressed that the event attains a greater symbolic significance by being held on the national holiday in Dr. King’s honor. “People volunteering to participate in the event are taking their day off and turning it into a day on.”

Gautestad said the Carlson Leadership and Public Service Center has a number of special activities and honorific days in which volunteers can participate. She also noted that there is a large Martin Luther King,

Jr. day of celebration in the Tacoma Dome, and that the University might look into the possibility of having an event in the Dome on the previous Saturday.

Emerick said, "People seem to want to do this. We could make people more aware of the event. And we could find out what other volunteer groups there are." Arkans said, "In the Combined Fund Drive, or in some other event, people could be told that they can volunteer to participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. People can contribute either dollars or time. There are many ways to contribute. We will talk with the Combined Fund Drive Steering Committee." It was also noted that the links for volunteers with outside agencies could be enhanced.

The suggestion was made to place a table at the rally next year to let people know that they can volunteer at other times of the year. They could be directed to the Carlson Center and to outside agencies. The council concurred with this strategy. Also, throughout the year there are so-called "Dog Days" on which students can learn of other services. And faculty could be encouraged to offer their expertise on available services. Many faculty will have worked with these services, or know people who have worked with them.

Whang said that many people, though greatly pleased with the rally, were disappointed that the University was not more involved with the community. Hicks said, "I like the idea of getting other people involved." Gautestad said, "We'll be organizing earlier next year, and will have more people to help with that effort." Emerick lauded that strategy, and said, "We would *like* to be involved."

UW Public Outstanding Service Award committee – Christina Emerick

Emerick said this award was established in 1980, and is for both faculty and staff. It has gone to a faculty member, however, every year but one, when it was awarded to a professional staff member. It is often considered to represent an award for the "third leg" of a faculty member's responsibilities at the University: teaching, research, and public service. There are usually 12-15 nominations, but not many repeat nominations. There is a February 15th deadline for nominations. The decision on the award is to be reached in early March. FCUR members Emerick, Fridley, Seifer, Goldblatt, de Tornyay, and ASUW representative Jeff Anderson (if available) will serve on the subcommittee.

Committee on Building Naming – member from FCUR (Robert Crittenden)

FCUR voting member Robert Crittenden volunteered to serve on the Committee on Building Naming. (For an extensive discussion of building naming, please see the minutes of the November 1, 2001 FCUR meeting.

Honorary Degrees – Christina Emerick

Emerick said the Class "B" legislation on Honorary Degrees passed overwhelmingly in the Faculty Senate on December 6, 2001. It was then signed by President McCormick. Following an extended period open to faculty comment, the legislation goes into effect February 1, 2002.

Emerick said the council will be discussing protocols and criteria for Honorary Degree selection, as well as specific candidates. "We will be choosing people who reflect the values of the University," she stressed.

Next meeting

The next FCUR meeting is set for Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 1:30 p.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall.

Brian Taylor
Recorder

