

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

The Faculty Council on University Relations met on Wednesday, **January 22, 2003**, at 2:30 p.m. Co-chair Sarena Seifer presided.

PRESENT: *Professors* Seifer (Co-chair), Dziwirek, Fridley and Hicks;
 Ex officio members Arkans, de Tornay and Whang.

ABSENT: *Professors* Emerick, Kozuki, Regnier and Robertson;
 Ex officio members Doherty and Whitney.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of December 6, 2002 were approved as written.

Update on Communications re: University's Funding Situation – Norm Arkans

Arkans said that, with respect to efforts to support the University's objectives in Olympia, particularly as regards the funding situation, Interim President Lee Huntsman and Washington State University President Lane Rawlins are making several joint appearances in Olympia and elsewhere in the state to familiarize legislators and the two universities' constituencies with the funding challenges facing both institutions.

Interim President Huntsman and President Rawlins also have made a joint radio spot promoting the strengths of the two universities and articulating the need to support higher education in the state. (Washington State members of the U. S. House of Representatives Norm Dicks and George Nethercutt, Jr. also made a joint radio spot urging support for higher education.)

The two presidents sent a joint letter on January 6, 2003 to all alumni of the two state universities (180,000 UW alumni, and 80,000 from WSU) outlining the state's situation regarding funding. Arkans said the letter and the other joint efforts of the two leaders are an appeal to all state citizens to "let your voice be heard" in support of state funding for the UW, WSU, and the state's other four-year institutions.

Interim President Huntsman has sent a letter to the entire University of Washington community delineating several key aspects of the funding situation. Many good suggestions and responses resulted from the letter in support of the University's objectives with the state legislature.

Articles in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Finance in Higher Education – Norm Arkans

Arkans distributed copies of a series of incisive articles in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on the issue of finance in higher education. He said this was perhaps the most impressive series of related articles on higher education he has seen in the Seattle media. He said the articles should contribute to an enhancement of public awareness of the funding crisis facing the University.

University of Washington Home Page – Norm Arkans

Arkans said there is a new Cougars and Huskies Web site on the UW Home Page. Included in the site is a graphic comparing what has happened – in real dollars – with respect to state appropriations per full-time student at both state universities.

The University of Washington's state appropriations per full-time student between 1991 – the base year of the study – and 2001 fell 15.9%, while the appropriations per full-time student of the University's peer institutions rose 5.1%. This means the University of Washington received \$92 million less in state appropriations for its full-time students in the year just concluded than did its peer institutions. "By June of this year, our appropriations in real dollars per full-time student will have fallen 21.1% since the base year of 1991," noted Arkans. "This measure is the basis for our biennial request."

Fridley said, referring to the graphic distributed by Arkans illustrating the decline in appropriations, “A couple of years ago we used a very similar graphic in going around the state addressing the K-12 funding issue. And it works.”

Arkans said University Relations is continuing to work on strategies to enhance public awareness of the funding challenges facing the University and other institutions of higher education throughout the state.

Arkans said the UW Home Page is in the process of being re-designed. Jack Faris, Vice President for University Relations, is in charge of the committee overseeing the project. The old Home Page has been temporarily split in two, with one design being directed to an external audience, and the other to an internal audience. The new design will be directed to an external audience (as well as to the University community). “We want something that will look fresh and appealing,” said Arkans. He emphasized that the Home Page needs to appeal to a young audience as well as to faculty, administrators, staff and outside users. A great many of the users of the Home Page are students and prospective students.

UW Annual Report 2002 – Norm Arkans

Arkans distributed a new brochure: “The University of Washington: The Research University and the Future of our State. Annual Report 2002.”

The brochure highlights the previous year’s research activities at the UW, and includes an independent auditors’ report. Important new research in genetics and forest resources, and research efforts contributing to the connection of rural parts of the state to the Internet, are among the highlights featured in the brochure.

“The brochure goes to our foundation board, to civic groups, to Chambers of Commerce, to the Washington Roundtable, and to many other organizations in the greater Seattle area and around the state,” said Arkans. He said it is an excellent resource for those organizations, and for other organizations within the University community itself.

Honorary Degrees – Norm Arkans

Asked about possible recipients of Honorary Degrees, Arkans said there is no one in mind at present, but the council will be notified if a new candidate appears. The intended Commencement Speaker at this year’s Commencement exercises, Robert Coles, unfortunately had to withdraw. He likely would have been nominated for an Honorary Degree.

The Committee on Public Exercises will be seeking a candidate for Commencement Speaker for the Commencement exercises in 2004. That person may well be a candidate for an Honorary Degree.

Outstanding Public Service Award Nominees – Norm Arkans

With two more volunteers from the council, Rheba de Tornay, Christina Emerick, James Fridley, Sarena Seifer and Linda Whang now represent FCUR on the Outstanding Public Service Award committee.

Arkans said the committee will probably meet in the second half of February, and will receive packets on the candidates in advance of the meeting. There is a February 14th deadline for nominations for the award.

It was pointed out that this is an enjoyable committee on which to serve, as members are asked to evaluate nominations all of which represent outstanding contributions to the community.

Walker-Ames Lectureship – Sarena Seifer

Seifer said the Walker-Ames Lectureship invites distinguished scholars to the University of Washington for a one-week visit. During the lecturer's visit to campus, he or she is expected to give one public lecture accessible to a broad public audience and also to engage in a series of colloquia, guest lectures and informal discussions with faculty and students in the host department(s).

Seifer said her department – Health Services – is interested in bring Dr. Ira Harkavy to the University as a Walker-Ames Lecturer. Dr. Harkavy is the associate vice president and director of the Center for Community Partnerships of the University of Pennsylvania.

A historian with extensive experience in building university-community partnerships, Dr. Harkavy teaches in the departments of History, Urban Studies, and City and Regional Planning. As director of the Center for Community Partnerships, Dr. Harkavy has helped to develop service learning and academically based community service courses, as well as participatory action research projects that involve faculty and students from across the university.

Dr. Harkavy has been actively working to involve colleges and universities in democratic partnerships with local public schools and their communities. The West Philadelphia Improvement Corps (WEPIC), a seventeen-year partnership to create university-assisted community schools that connect the University of Pennsylvania and the West Philadelphia community, emerged and developed from seminars and research projects he directs with other colleagues at Penn. Dr. Harkavy received his B.A. and his Ph.D. in history from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Harkavy, a long-time leader in the field of service-learning, was the recipient of the eight annual Thomas Ehrlich Award for Service-Learning in 2002. He calls himself a “historian by training” but brings a wide variety of perspectives to his teaching, his scholarship, and his service.

Dr. Harkavy was the closing keynote speaker for Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's 2002 annual conference.

Seifer said Dr. Harkavy is a “great speaker” who “brings a message of higher education promoting democracy and civic engagement.” She said that, since he would be at the University for an entire week, several different committees and departments would have an opportunity to meet and speak with him.

Fridley suggested that Forest Resources and/or Mechanical Engineering be involved, and Arkans said Education would be a natural choice. Asked if more than one Walker-Ames Lectureship is granted in the same academic year, Arkans said there are sometimes as many as one per quarter.

Seifer proposed Dr. Harkavy's name to the council for a show of support. The council unanimously supported the nomination.

Agenda items for future FCUR meetings

- 1) The Rose Report (and the proposed reorganization of faculty councils).
- 2) Honorary Degrees (if a nomination is sent to the council).
- 3) Mobilization of faculty to help spread word on the alliance for higher education. (Seifer will contact Faculty Legislative Representative Jan Sjavik and Deputy Faculty Legislative Representative Gail Stygall regarding a possible contribution on the part of the council in this effort.)

Next meeting

The next FCUR meeting is set for Wednesday, February 19, 2003, at 2:30 p.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall.

Brian Taylor
Recorder