

**University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Relations
Friday, January 11, 2008
HUB, 209B**

Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Honorary Degree**
- 4. Current Issues**
- 5. Adjournment**

1. Introductions

Odegaard acknowledged that a new member of the council was present and asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

2. Approval of minutes

Arkans moved to approve the minutes of December 10th as presented. Motion was seconded by Hevly. Motion approved.

3. Honorary Degree Nominations

Odegaard gave an overview of the Honorary Degree Process. She informed the Council that four nominations have been received and expects one more to be submitted shortly. One of the nominations received is from UW Bothell.

The issue of the Honorary Degree nomination from UW Bothell was discussed at length. The submission of this nomination is unique and raises governance issues and concerns relating to a tri-campus university.

Odegaard said that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee would be meeting before the scheduled FCUR meeting of February 8th. She will bring this issue before the Executive Committee and report back to the Council. Arkans said that he would bring the issue to President Emmert's attention.

Due to the confidentiality of Honorary Degree nomination packets, it was agreed that they will be available for review at Norm's office, Media Relations and Communications, 400 Gerberding Hall. Council members need to review the nominations prior to the next FCUR meeting scheduled for Friday, February 8th. Discussion and voting for the Honorary Degree will take place at this meeting.

Arkans announced that the Dalai Lama will be visiting Seattle for five days in April. One of the Dalai Lama's visits will be to the University of Washington. He and Shannon Kelly, UW Marketing are assisting Dean Ed Taylor in organizing the Dalai Lama's visit to campus. A broad-based committee with representatives from other colleges and the community is being organized to help plan the program. The Dalai Lama's campus event

is scheduled at the Hec Edmundson Pavilion on Monday, April 14th. He said that a nomination to confer an Honorary Degree on the Dalai Lama would be forthcoming to the Council for its consideration.

4. Current Issues

Athletics

Arkans raised the question of University athletics. Hevly said that he felt that there was a relevant topic to discuss. He considers that a part of the council's function is to give advice and serve as a sounding board regarding issues that affect the UW's public relations. In that light, he said that he felt that the University should consider not renewing the contract with KJR Radio for broadcast of Husky athletics. He offered four reasons why the University should consider not renewing its contract with KJR/ISP.

1. As a party to the contract, ISP put the University in a bad light by connecting UW to this year's student loan scandal.
2. KJR broadcasting is consistently demeaning of women.
3. KJR's programming and on-air personalities promote among fans a set of expectations and standards that are inconsistent with those appropriate for an enterprise undertaken by student-athletes. They amplify the worst attitudes among listeners.
4. KJR promotes sports gambling, which is inconsistent with University athletics.

Arkans said that he is aware that there have been issues with KJR. The selection of a Radio Station is complicated. It is a process that is put out to bid. The University can not influence all of the programming. The University contracts with them for the sports programming. It is difficult to have standing with the rest of the programming. The University does have a faculty committee that addresses issues on athletics. The name of the committee is the Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics. Arkans suggest that Hevly contact a member of this committee regarding the issue. Arkans stated that he would share this concern with President Emmert.

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Arkans reported that Theresa Doherty, Assistant Vice President, Office of Regional Affairs has replaced Scott Woodward, Vice President for External Affairs and Interim Athletic Director on the 34 member Mediation Committee. He reported that a six lane replacement with or without a second Montlake bridge is garnering increasing attention.

Campus Safety

The student that was recently attacked and seriously injured is recovering. She is at Harborview Medical Center. Her condition has been upgraded from critical to serious. The assault happened on Tuesday morning about 6:30 a.m. in the 1800 block of 47th Avenue. Police are investigating but have no suspects at this time.

Legislative Session

The 2008 Legislative Session begins on Monday, January 14th. This is a supplemental budget year. Governor Gregoire released her 2008 supplemental budget proposal in December. The Governor's budget includes for campus safety initiatives. An example of this is the plan to convert existing fire alarms into speaker systems and the installation of outdoor speakers.

5. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 8th
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Gerberding Hall, Regents Room (Room 301)

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Present:

Faculty Member: Odegaard, Hevly, Conroy

Ex. Officio Representative: Bidar, Bolcer, Norberg

President's Designee: Arkans

Excused: Jackson, Sutton

Absent:

Faculty Member: Bramhall, Gill

Ex. Officio Representative: Macklin