

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Relations
Wednesday, 6 December 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Review agenda, approval of May and October minutes
2. Introduce New Council Members
3. Old Business:
 - Update on 520 Bridge Project & Sound Transit—Campus Impacts
 - Update on Honorary Degrees
 - Discussion: Honorary Degree Nomination Evaluations
4. New Business:
 - Update: External Affairs News
 - Discussion: Alumni as lobbying force – “Husky Day” in Olympia?
5. Faculty Council on University Relations Vice Chair
6. Next Meeting: date TBD

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

No changes or additions were made to the meeting agenda. Arkans moved to approve the minutes of May 22nd and October 16th as presented. Hevly seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. New Council Members

Gill welcomed everyone and thanked new members for their willingness to serve on the Committee. She asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

Macklin inquired regarding the voting status of the committee. He asked, “Are all members of the committee (faculty, members of representative groups, President’s Designee) eligible to vote or is voting restricted to members who are faculty?” Gill responded that the question had never come up before. She said that she will check with Donna Kerr, Secretary of the Faculty regarding the non-faculty voting status.

3. Old Business

Update: 520 Bridge Project & Sound Transit—Campus Impacts

Gill gave a brief overview of the discussions and work the Committee has participated in regarding the 520 Bridge Project including the Class C Resolution- SR 520 Bridge Replacement Project.

Banks stated that within the ASUW there is a strong opposition to 520 but there are also some people in favor of 520 being updated. It may be until winter quarter before they get a resolution on this matter.

Honorary Degrees Update

Gill presented members with copies of the Honorary Degree Procedures and Guidelines.

Arkans gave a brief overview and history regarding the awarding of the Honorary Degree at the University of Washington. He stated that in 2002, the Faculty Senate passed legislation for awarding Honorary Degrees, with the responsibility for recommending them vested in the Faculty Council on University Relations. Four honorary degrees have been awarded since: May 2002, Doctor of Humane Letters was bestowed on Desmond Mpilo Tutu at an Academic Convocation; June 2002, Doctor of Laws was bestowed on Madeleine Korbel Albright at the 127th Commencement Ceremony; June 2004, Doctor of Arts was bestowed on August Wilson at the 129th Commencement Ceremony, and in June 2006, Doctor of Laws Degree was bestowed on William D. Ruckelshaus at the 131st Commencement Ceremony.

- Discussion: Honorary Degree Nomination Evaluations

Gill informed members that a letter requesting nominations for the Honorary Degree was sent to faculty on November 3, 2006. The deadline for nominations is December 15th. To date, no

nominations have been received. The Committee discussed what, when and how follow-up communication should be made. The Committee agreed that a deadline reminder should be posted on UWIN. Gill said she will keep the Committee updated on the status of this posting and will also e-mail FCUR members a copy of the November 3rd letter.

The Committee discussed at length the criteria and guidelines for recommending honorary degrees and the nomination evaluation process.

4. New Business

Discussion: Alumni as lobbying force – “Husky Day” in Olympia?

Gill stated that she received information from Bramhill that the Senate Committee on Budget and Planning is working on how to get Faculty involved in effectively communicating with the Legislature regarding the University. One of the ideas is to have an Alumni lobby day in Olympia or “Husky Day”.

Arkans stated that the University of Washington has a “Higher Education Day” in Olympia that involves the six public 4 year institutions. A fixed number of alumni from each of the institutions is invited to Olympia for morning briefings, legislative luncheon and appointments with key legislators and members of the higher education committee and a reception in the evening at the Governor’s mansion.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding various ideas and suggestions.

5. Faculty Council on University Relations Vice Chair

6. Next Meeting

Members checked their calendars. No meeting date was scheduled but it was determined that a Friday morning might be the best day and time of the week for a meeting. Susan Folk will follow-up with members to schedule meeting dates for the winter quarter.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Present: Faculty Members: Bolcer, Gill (Chair), Hevly,
President's Designee: Arkans
Other ex Officio members: Banks, Ashby-Larrabee, Fullerton, Macklin, Twilight

Absent: Faculty Members: Bramhall, Jackson, Parviz, Odegaard