

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

The Faculty Council on University Relations met on Monday, **December 2, 2003**, at 1:30 p.m. Chair Sarena Seifer presided.

**PRESENT:**     *Professors* Seifer (chair), Okada and Robertson;  
                  *Ex officio members* Arkans, Aaron Hoard (for Theresa Doherty), Whang and Whitney;

**ABSENT:**     *Professors* Bogel, Fridley, Nicholson and Regnier;  
                  *Ex officio members* Castic, Doherty (represented by Hoard), and de Tornayay

**Welcome and Introductions – FCUR Chair Sarena Seifer**

Seifer welcomed council members, each of whom related something about their Thanksgiving holiday. Seifer had the unsurpassed pleasure of seeing Kevin Kline portray Falstaff in “Henry IV” in New York. This revelation, as it were, upstaged all other accounts.

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of November 4, 2003 were approved as written.

**Martin Luther King, Junior Day of Service**

Arkans said University Relations will be working in conjunction with United Way in organizing the January 19, 2004 Martin Luther King, Junior Day of Service. Gail Gautestad, Public Relations Coordinator in University Relations, is coordinating the event.

Arkans said registrations for volunteers for the Day of Service will be conducted online. University Relations will be using software developed by United Way to carry out this online project. “It should be easier to use,” said Arkans, “than what we’ve used in the past.” He said, “We’re on course to have an excellent event this year.”

Arkans noted that the kickoff for the Martin Luther King, Junior Day of Service will be held in By George. He said volunteer activity is expected to increase this year. “It has gone up each year,” he observed. Council member Linda Whang and Aaron Hoard (attending today’s meeting on behalf of Theresa Doherty), both have participated in the Day of Service, and said the experience was decidedly worthwhile.

**Ira Harkavy’s Walker-Ames Lectureship – Sarena Seifer**

Seifer reminded the council that Ira Harkavy, Associate Vice President of the University of Pennsylvania, will be giving the Walker-Ames Lecture on May 4, 2004. His lecture will address the role of the university in the community and in outreach activities.

Seifer said Dr. Harkavy will be here an entire week. She will see if he can visit an FCUR council meeting. She suggested that council members let her know if their department is interested in doing something with Dr. Harkavy while he is here. “Now is a good time to try to set up something,” she stressed. Robertson suggested that WAMI might be interested in visiting with Dr. Harkavy.

“Send any publicity you can to faculty you know,” Seifer said.

**Community Service Award – Norm Arkans**

Arkans said the nominations for the Outstanding Public Service Award are due by January 31, 2004. Announcements inviting nominations are traditionally sent out in the first week of January. He said if

council members had nominees in mind, they should let University Relations know who those faculty or staff are.

Arkans said University Relations will need about six FCUR members by the latter half of February 2004, to help select the winner of the Outstanding Public Service Award. He said the quality of the recipients of the award remains high, but the pool of candidates is getting smaller.

Seifer said it would be helpful to place an article from the council about the candidates for the award in University Week. She will prepare a draft to show the council, and will speak with Faculty Senate Chair Doug Wadden to see if the council could use a portion of the space in University Week reserved for the Faculty Senate. She added: "We need to target faculty who might heed the announcement."

Asked about Honorary Degrees, Arkans said there are no candidates on the horizon at present, but he will certainly apprise the council whenever there is a possible candidate, so that it may play its pivotal role in that selection process.

#### **President Lee Huntsman – Norm Arkans**

Arkans said Interim President Lee Huntsman is now President for up to two years. The Board of Regents made the appointment at its November meeting. Of course, this status could change if something should develop in the ongoing Presidential search.

#### **UW / WSU joint resolution on request for increased state funding – Norm Arkans**

Arkans said there was a joint meeting of the Regents from the UW and WSU, and a joint resolution was signed urging the state legislature to increase funding for the two institutions. The joint resolution passed unanimously. Arkans said a Seattle Times editorial published on December 2, 2003 strongly supported the two institutions' request for increased legislative funding. The resolution states that the universities will not be able to take on new students until the necessary state funding is in place.

#### **Enhanced support from the business community – Norm Arkans**

Arkans said, "We are trying to get more visible support from the business community." He noted that the Washington Round Table "is being helpful," and that the Roundtable's latest priorities of government policy papers support performance contracts between the state and research institutions as well as protecting core funding of the universities. "This signals a commitment on the part of the business community to work with us," said Arkans. "It is important for the community to be aware of us."

#### **UW / WSU partnerships and united efforts – Norm Arkans**

Arkans said University Relations has met with its counterparts at WSU "to continue our partnerships and to keep these public policy issues in front of the public." He emphasized that it has helped in Olympia to have the UW and WSU in united efforts on several important issues. He also said it is important for members of the council to check the newspapers and other media outlets for commentary on these issues.

#### **Agenda items for the next FCUR meetings (Winter Quarter 2004) – Sarena Seifer**

Seifer asked council members what issues they would like to have discussed at the upcoming FCUR meetings in Winter Quarter 2004. Robertson said, "We have lots of faculty doing good things. We could interview some of these faculty and find out what they're doing to be 'good citizens.' It's not necessarily the faculty doing big things, but the faculty doing good things, that we should be finding out about and commending."

#### **Revitalization of the "Ave" – Aaron Hoard**

Hoard said the council may want to take up the issue of the revitalization of University Way, or “the Ave” as it is known. The street has been widened and completely repaved, and new streetlamps and planters have been installed on “the Ave,” over the past two years. And the University has shown interest in participating in the revitalization of “the Ave” in various ways.

**Next meeting**

The next FCUR meeting will take place in January 2004. The Winter Quarter 2004 schedule will be sent to council members once it has been determined.

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