

**University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Relations
Friday, 9 November 2007
26 Gerberding Hall**

Chair Mary Ann Odegaard called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Honorary Degree
 - a. Review of Procedures
 - b. Review of draft letter
 - c. Assign Visits
3. Review of Gills' email regarding 520 Bridge
4. UW Update from Norm Arkans
5. New Business

1. Introductions

Odegaard asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

The minutes of the June 1st and October 12th meeting were distributed. Arkans moved to approve the minutes of June 1st as presented. Motion seconded by Sutton. Motion approved. Arkans moved to approve the minutes of October 12th as presented. Motion seconded by Sutton. Motion approved.

2. Honorary Degree

- a. Review of Procedures

Odegaard stated that a copy of the Honorary Degree Criteria and Guidelines document was attached to the meeting agenda. She gave Council members a few minutes to review the document and asked for questions or comments regarding the Criteria and Guidelines developed for the Honorary Degree.

Arkans stated that the Honorary Degree Criteria and Guidelines were developed and approved by the Faculty Council on University Relations. The guidelines were written to give nominators direction and guidance for putting together a substantial nominating packet. Last year was the first year that nominations for the Honorary Degree were received through this process.

Sutton asked what would happen if the Council received a large number of Honorary Degree nominees and selected only one or two names to go forward to the President. Would the Council consider keeping any of nominees in a pool for consideration in the future? Arkans responded that that was a possibility and hoped that would be the case.

- b. Review of draft letter

The Council reviewed Draft II of the Honorary Degree letter. By consensus the Council approved the letter with the addition of a sentence that would encourage Faculty to submit nominations and clarify the process for submission.

Arkans stated that once approved, the letter will be sent from the President to the Deans. Development Officers will be copied. The letter will be sent electronically to all Faculty. After the letter is mailed, he will request 5 minutes on the agenda of the Board of Deans to speak to the Honorary Degree and encourage Deans to submit nominations. Additionally, an article in University Week to promote and inform the campus regarding the Honorary Degree will coincide with the release of the letter.

Arkans said that he will work with the Office of Public Ceremonies to ensure that the Honorary Degree web site is updated and linked to it.

c. Assign Visits

Odegaard stressed the importance of following up with personal visits to the various Schools and Colleges. She asked Arkans to let her know when he would be on the agenda for the Board of Deans as that would be a good time to get personal visits from Council members scheduled with their respective schools or colleges.

Members were assigned as follows:

Sutton – iSchool
Odegaard – Pharmacy/Business
Jackson – Health Sciences (excluding Pharmacy)
Conroy – Arts & Sciences
Bolcer – Libraries

Odegaard said she will contact members not present and assign them accordingly and send an email reminder to everyone regarding the time-frame to schedule their meetings with their perspective schools or colleges.

3. Review of Gill's email regarding 520 Bridge

Odegaard shared the email received from Gill regarding a development on the SR 520 issue. Arkans was asked to update the Council regarding the process for input on SR520 and UW's participation in that process.

Arkans stated that in the 2007 legislative session, a mediation process for SR520 was authorized. This is an 18 month process which brings together all of the players and stake holders. The process, led by professional mediators, includes county and city representatives. Approximately 34 people make up this Advisory Panel. Scott Woodward, Vice President for External Affairs, is the UW representative on this panel.

Discussion followed as to how the FCUR can provide input to the Faculty Senate and the Advisory Panel regarding the SR520 issue. Arkans mentioned that thought there was another Faculty Council also interested in the issue. Odegaard said she will find out. It was agreed that Theresa Doherty will be invited to the next meeting of the FCUR to speak to this issue.

Jackson stated that it makes sense that both Faculty Councils talk to each other regarding this topic. Macklin suggested that it would be beneficial for both Faculty Councils to hear from Theresa Doherty.

Odegaard said she will check with Gill to determine the outcome of the SR520 Resolution written and approved by the FCUR in 2007.

4. UW Update from Norm Arkans

Arkans updated the Council regarding the new campus for Snohomish, Island, or Skagit County. The Legislature authorized the UW to study/recommend sites for a new university. Lee Huntsman, former UW President and Ana Mari Cauce, Executive Vice Provost, co-chair this committee. There are presently four recommended sites. The four sites are in Snohomish County. The committee has been working to identify what this new campus would look like – a concept for the new campus. The committee will be presenting its report to the Regents next week. The Legislature has not identified the money to build or maintain the new campus.

5. New Business

Bolcer asked if there was any role for the Council to play in the planning of 2009 Alaska – Yukon Centennial Celebration. The city of Seattle has a committee working on this project. Theresa Doherty is a member of this committee.

By consensus, the Council agreed that Ms. Doherty would be asked to address this topic and SR520 at our next meeting.

Bolcer inquired if anything is being planned yet for the University of Washington 150th Anniversary in 2011. He feels that now is the time to begin the planning and conversation for this event. Arkans said that to his knowledge, administratively, this project has not been assigned.

Next meeting: Monday, December 10, 2007
Room 239C, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 a.m.
Minutes by Tina Aguilar
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Present: Odegaard, Conroy, Jackson, Macklin, Sutton

President's Designee: Arkans

Ex. Officio Representatives: Bolcer, Macklin

Excused: Bramhall, Gill, Hevly