

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTIONAL QUALITY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
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Chair Mary Pat Wenderoth called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Jim Antony- 10 Year review process
3. New business

1. Approval of minutes

Council members approved the minutes as submitted.

2. Jim Antony—10 Year Review Process

Dr. James Antony, Associate Dean of the Graduate School for Academic Programs, spoke with the group about his new role in overseeing the 10 year accreditation process. He briefly explained the 10 year review process and noted it was an opportunity for departments and programs to self-reflect on their missions and goals as well as use the external review board as a mirror to see their strengths and areas for improvement.

He noted that he had been on the job only one month and that he was using spring quarter to see how the 10 year review process is currently unfolding. He is collecting data from departments currently undergoing the review process and welcomes assistance from FCIQ in proposing changes to the process. He hopes to use the summer as a time to sit down with department chairs that underwent review this year as well as members of FCIQ and FCAS to begin a conversation concerning the strengths and weaknesses of the current 10 year review process. Dr. Antony wants to make sure that the current process assesses things that matter to the mission of the University and sees that the 10 year review process holds considerable promise for guiding and informing departmental decisions.

Concerns from FCIQ members included whether or not faculty in departments being reviewed should review Central Administration's support of their teaching and research efforts, how resources are tied or not tied to the review process, and should the review schedule be restructured? Currently units are reviewed based on when they came into existence. Maybe it would be more advantageous if unit reviews were clustered based on a metric other than "birth date".

There was a comment that Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) has an interesting method of creating "think tanks" of faculty who help to assess grantees at their 1 and 2 year review times. This allows the grantee to get positive feedback from colleagues to

improve his or her grant without concern for retribution from the granting agency. It was proposed that the 10 year review process might take on a similar positive format.

There was also concern expressed that undergraduate education is not given as much attention as graduate education and research.

3. New Business

- Student Photos (Tom Lewis)

Tom Lewis commented that he had been at a few meetings this past week where he had heard more positive remarks about the possibility of implementing student photo class lists in the not too distant future. He suggested that FCIQ write a letter of support for this project and send it to the Provost, Registrar, Sarah Gomez and ITAC.

- Summer pay (Haideth Salehi-Esfahani)

Haideh Salehi-Esfahani gave an update report on summer pay for summer quarter. Haideh had contacted Kei Quinlan who gave her the history of summer quarter. It was mentioned that some faculty who are on grants are restricted to two months summer pay as they are supposed to have one month of vacation off each year. There were questions about how much students pay for summer tuition as compared to tuition rates during other quarters. Haideh will look into this and report at our June meeting.

- UW Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Symposium (Jennie Dorman)

Jennie Dorman gave an update on the 4th annual UW Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Symposium that was held on May 6th. Provost Wise opened the symposium, Dr. Tom Hinckley from College of Forest Resources gave the keynote address, there were 41 posters presented (10 more than in 2007) and approximately 150 people attended the event that was held in the HUB ballrooms.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes by FCIQ Chair, Mary Pat Wenderoth

Present: **Faculty:** Janssen, Salehi-Esfahani, Underwood, Wenderoth (Chair)
President's Designee: Sahr (for Ed Taylor)
Ex Officio Reps: Holmes, Zarelli
Regularly Invited Guests: Lewis, Lowell, Dorman (for Wayne Jacobsen)

Absent: **Faculty:** Allen, Baldasty, Edgar (excused), Ward
Ex Officio Reps: Hahn