

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTIONAL QUALITY
THURSDAY, April 19, 2007 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair Baldasty called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Assessment
 2. Teaching and Learning Consortium – update
 3. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning –update
 4. Ten Year Reviews – Process
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Chair Baldasty announced a few upcoming events. On May 10th from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. there will be a public celebration of a new book by Catherine Beyer, Gerald Gillmore, and Andrew Fisher. The event will be held in the Walker Ames Room, Kane Hall. He also noted two events honoring Willis Konick upon his impending retirement, one sponsored by the bookstore and the UAA on May 3rd at 4:30 p.m. at the main UW bookstore, and the other on May 25th with the Comparative Literature Department.

1. Assessment

Council member Wenderoth gave an update of the Assessment Committee's Recommendations for Assessment of Student Learning at the UW. She noted that the report was a response from a request by the Provost, and the Chair of the Faculty Senate. Baldasty asked for a motion to recommend the FCIQ assessment to be forwarded to the Faculty Senate. Wenderoth made the motion, which was seconded by Council member Salehi-Esfahani. Salehi-Esfahani asked about how to link the report's assessment for learning with an assessment for accreditation. The council passed the motion.

2. Teaching and Learning Consortium—update

Chair Baldasty spoke about recognition issues addressed at a Board of Deans meeting two weeks ago. The discussion involved how to recognize teaching outside of awards, such as writing letters to faculty who are teaching well, and using templates to construct the letters. They also suggested having every department submit what is happening with teaching to the Provost, from which the Provost could create a list of "best practices."

Baldasty also noted the Provost's Workshops on Teaching and Learning. He reviewed the sponsors of the workshops and listed the special topics. Council member Lowell gave a report on the first workshop, on teaching writing, and offered some recommendations for improving it. Council members suggested that the workshops should be evaluated. There was some discussion about how to bring in more faculty fellows, especially from the upper campus. Baldasty remarked that they would like to see year-long workshops in place.

3. Scholarship for Teaching and Learning – update

Council member Jacobsen reported on the upcoming UW Teaching and Learning Symposium to be held next Tuesday, April 24th, 2:30--4:30 p.m. Jacobsen announced Scott Freeman's presentation at 2:30 p.m. in the HUB West Ballroom, as well as the 34 poster sessions on teaching innovations by 70 faculty and TAs. He noted a 50% yearly increase in poster presenters. Wenderoth remarked that they would like to ask for funding to send two people to the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL) meeting, in which the UW does not currently participate even though they have the materials.

4. Ten Year Reviews –Process

Council member Lowell provided an overview of her efforts through the Office of Educational Assessment to improve the current 10 year review process. She identified key problems within the review process, including inconsistent and unclear guidelines in the self study component. Lowell noted that the Provost's office has requested a template to help standardize the format. She identified improving the clarity and consistency of the guidelines, and the access to the statistics and information needed by people under the review process, as important solutions to the problems. Council members discussed how FCIQ could be involved in the 10 year review process, particularly in the undergraduate review process. Lowell shared several handouts on instructional assessment that could be useful information in the 10 year review process.

Chair Baldasty suggested setting up a subcommittee for the next FCIQ meeting that would focus on instructional pieces for the 10 year review. He noted that this would be carried out through electronic mail. Baldasty also announced that on Friday May 4th from 4-6 p.m., the College of Arts and Sciences is hosting a celebration for Don Wulff at the Simpson Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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Present:

Faculty: Baldasty (Chair), Edgar, Salehi-Esfahani, Underwood, Wenderoth

Ex-Officio: Holmes, Shields

Regularly Invited Guests: Lowell, Jacobsen

Absent:

Faculty: Carline (excused), Gillis-Bridges (excused), Kim, Martin-Morris (excused), Ward (excused)

President's Designee: Taylor

Ex-Officio: Rowhani-Rahbar, Trudeau, McManus

Regularly Invited Guests: Arora (excused), Ford, Lewis (excused)