

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Instructional Quality
Thursday, 15 December 2005
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Carline called the meeting to order at 2:32.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Announcements, approval of agenda, approval of minutes
2. Faculty Conversations project
3. Undergraduate Education Report
4. Pick-a-Prof

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

October 13, 2005, minutes approved. Motioned by AG; Seconded by MW

2. Faculty Conversations Project (Alka Arora)

Alka Arora, research associate for the Faculty Conversations Project, led the discussion. The Faculty Conversations Project was put together to investigate the faculty-side of the classroom experience, pulling faculty from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines. The FCP hopes to create small focus groups and encourage dialogue, not debate while discussing faculty issues. FCP, in their opinion, coincides nicely with other diversity-related initiatives across campus. This program, made up of two to three groups of six to nine people, will run from Fall/Winter 2006 as a pilot program. In order to get faculty to commit to two quarters, FCP is hoping to provide some stipend as incentive. FCIQ discussed the difficulty of training faculty to be culturally competent and learning how to reach students from different backgrounds and learning abilities.

3. Undergraduate Education Report

Chair Carline introduced the Undergraduate Experience Report that was recently released from the workgroup on the Undergraduate Experience and the five goals of that report. The committee discussed the changing nature of the educational experience. Dean Ingebritsen discussed how students' needs are changing and the institution's need to respond accordingly, citing the difficulty of students to decide on a major. She discussed the upcoming peer advising initiative and how Undergraduate Education will be changing the very ideas of advising. In response, some members discussed how quickly the report was put together and debated whether it adequately reflected the Undergraduate Experience.

4. Pick-a-Prof

Chair Carline discussed the Pick-a-Prof website. Several concerns were discussed: the ease/difficulty rating for professors and how that impacts students' choices; the institutional response to evolving technology and the creation of the Information Technology Advisory Committee (I-TAC).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm. *Minutes* by I. Whitney Thompson, Administrative Specialist.

Present: *Faculty members:* Carline, Wenderoth, Kim, Martin-Morris, Greenwald, Holmes, Gillis-Bridges, Kemp, Selehi-EsFahani, Lee
 Exofficio members: Lewis, Jacobson
 President's designee: Ingebritsen

Absent: *Faculty members:* McManus, Kasonic, Mai
 Exofficio members: Lowell, Trudeau

Guests: Alka Arora, Research Associate, Faculty Conversations Project