

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Instructional Quality

Thursday, 19 October 2006
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair Jerry Baldasty called the meeting to order at 2. 30 pm.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. FCIQ Tasks for the Next Year
 - a. Support for Faculty & Teaching
 - b. Coordination of Teaching/Learning Initiatives on Campus
 - c. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
 - d. Various Reports on Education
 - e. Faculty Conversations Project
3. Action Items: Instructor Class Description
4. MyUW Teaching Resources
5. Background Information: 2005 Report on the Committee to Improve UW Undergraduate Experience Report

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 18 May 2006 meeting were approved. Motioned by MW, Seconded by H S-E.

2. FCIQ Tasks for the Next Year

A majority of the meeting was spent discussing the responsibilities for the following subcommittees for this upcoming year:

- a. **Support for Faculty & Teaching:** This involves the Distinguished Teaching Awards (5 annual awards). **Members of Subcommittee:** Linda Martin-Morris; Tom Lewis
- b. **Coordination of Teaching/Learning Initiatives on Campus:** Several groups are already involved in Teaching and Learning Initiatives, yet better coordination needs to happen: CIDR, Catalyst, Teaching Academy, Graduate School, OEA, Libraries. **Members of Subcommittee:** Tom Lewis, Wayne Jacobson, Jerry Baldasty, Nana Lowell, Haideh Salehi-Esfahani
- c. **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning:** There is a Provost sponsored spring symposium that happens in MGH Commons. There was discussion about having this group join the International community on Scholarship on Teaching & Learning in Washington, D.C. There appears to be a need to link this work with other local colleges in a more systemized way. If it is to grow, this program needs to find permanent funding and administrative support. **Members of Subcommittee:** Wayne Jacobson; Mary Pat Wenderoth
- d. **Various Reports on Education:** Faculty Senate has asked FCIQ to look at several reports: The National Survey of Student Engagement (<http://www.washington.edu/oea/pdfs/reports/OEARReport0603.pdf>); The US Department of Education's Report on the Future of Higher Education (<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/index.html>) Prepublication Report Link. Rand Report: (Gail Stygall) **Members of Subcommittee:** Douglas Underwood, Mary Pat Wenderoth, Haideh Salehi-Esfahani, Nana Lowell

- e. **Faculty Conversations Project:** The Faculty Conversations' Project is a continuing project from last year. The project seeks to measure the classroom climate and to facilitate faculty discussion groups on better understanding diversity. **Members of Subcommittee:** Susan Kemp, Nana Lowell, Linda Martin-Morris, Erin Shields
- f. **Student Navigation/Curricular Compass:** This item is already being handled by an I-TAC proposal by Catalyst.

3. Action Items: Instructor Class Description

Nana Lowell would like to revise the prompts for Instructor Class Descriptions so that the information solicited appears in the same order as what is posted. The committee unanimously agreed: the form needs to follow: What Course will Cover; Student Learning Goals (Top 5); General Method of Instruction. The committee also discussed creating "search terms" for students to use to find a course. Members of Subcommittee D were assigned to come up with basic search terms. (Douglas Underwood, Mary Pat Wenderoth, Haideh Salehi-Esfahani, Nana Lowell)

4. MyUW Teaching Resources

Nana Lowell proposed consolidating the two links on Teaching Resources on the MYUW page and the UWIN Teaching Tab.

5. Background Information: 2005 Report on the Committee to Improve UW Undergraduate Experience Report

Jerry Baldasty encouraged all to read the report if they have not already. Themes and issues from that report will circulate through the year.

The meeting was adjourned at (4 pm). *Minutes by* (I. Whitney Thompson, Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, iwt@u.washington.edu)

Present: ***Faculty members:***
 Baldasty, G.
 Martin-Morris, L.
 Salehi-Esfahani, H.
 Underwood, D.
 Wenderoth, M.

President's Designee:
 Sahr, J.

Ex officio members:
 Shields, E.
 Rowhani-Rahbar, A.

Regularly invited guests:
 Lewis, T.
 Lowell, N.
 Jacobson, W.