

**University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Technology
January 11, 2010
36 Gerberding Hall**

Meeting Synopsis

1. Update from the Secretary of the Faculty on the proposed merger of three Faculty Councils.
2. Updates from Council members on issues addressed at the previous meeting.

Acting Chair Linda Martin-Morris called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. Update from the Secretary of the Faculty on the proposed merger of three Faculty Councils.

Marcia Killien, Secretary of the Faculty, addressed the Council about a recent meeting she had convened of the Chairs of the Faculty Councils on Educational Technology, Educational Outreach and Instructional Quality to discuss the possibility of combining those three Councils into a new Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning. Killien reported that this idea emerged from a larger discussion concerning the operation of all Faculty Councils and how the Office of University Committees might achieve efficiencies in their operation. It was clear from a review of Annual Reports and the minutes from those three Councils that there are several issues of mutual concern that consistently appear on agendas and in minutes of all three Councils. She further explained that Faculty Councils are often established to address specific, timely issues that over time become a part of the culture of the entire University. Educational Technology is a case in point. FCET was established at a time when technology was a new and rapidly growing part of University life. It is now so much a part of all aspects of the operation of the University that it becomes difficult to establish a focused agenda.

Killien reported that the Chairs of all three Faculty Councils were enthusiastic about the proposal and encouraged Killien to move forward in preparing the Class A legislation changing the Faculty Code that will be required to enact this change by that start of the 2010-2011 academic year. She then asked the Council for feedback from FCET members.

Tom Lewis, who is either an ex officio member or guest at meetings of all three Councils endorsed the idea, suggesting that there are at least three areas where the members of all three Councils could bring expertise and focus:

1. Technology and its applications.
2. Support for faculty use of technology.
3. Rules and procedures concerning technology.

Others endorsed the idea as well, suggesting that a combined Council might be able to accomplish more without redundancy. The Council also endorsed the idea that the Secretary of the Faculty send out a Catalyst Survey soliciting input on this idea from those members who had not been able to attend this meeting as well as to the members of the Faculty Councils on Educational Outreach and Instructional Quality.

In response to a question regarding structure and membership of the proposed new Council, Killien suggested that current members of all three current Councils would be the first contacted for interest and willingness to serve on the new Council. It may be a large Council that meets once a quarter, with subcommittees or task forces meeting in between Council meetings to do the leg-work of the Council.

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Tom Lewis, Director of Learning and Scholarly Technologies, reported that his operation had recently hired a staff member , Tyler Fox, whose position is to provide faculty support. Lewis will invite Fox to attend the next meeting of FCET to describe the new position and how it will be operating in support of faculty using technology.

Debby Wiegand, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, will be invited to update the Council on Kualu Student.

Lewis, Moskel and Martin-Morris will arrange a meeting with Kelli Trosvig to discuss Cloud Computing and to address the merits of Google Apps as compared to similar suites offered by Microsoft. They will report back to the Council at its Spring meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

*Minutes by Susan Folk, Assistant to the Secretary of the Faculty
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Present: **Faculty members:** Martin-Morris, Moskal
 President's Designee: Lewis
 Ex-officio members: Young, Schmidt, Calissi-Corral
 Guest: David Hurley

Absent: **Faculty members:** Andrews, Efthimiadis, Hollmann, Hudson, Kaminsky, Masuda,
 Seidler