

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Outreach
Thursday, March 8, 2007
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Erdly called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Summary of DL legislation presentation at Faculty Senate
3. Review and prioritization of FCEO next actions

1. Approval of minutes

Deardorff moved to approved the minutes from the February 1, 2007 FCEO meeting. Corbett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Summary of DL legislation presentation at Faculty Senate

Bill Erdly:

The proposal was presented as a summary of work and illustrated the process the committee went through to explore the potential impact of the proposed legislation. The main elements of the presentation included:

- Definition of “DL-designated” course
 - Definition from HECB and other sources
- Curricular review of DL courses
 - Emphasized that DL courses go through an additional level of review
 - Examples of how DL courses are reviewed
 - Curriculum is approved by the academic unit
- Who teaches DL courses
 - 60% of instructors who teach DL courses are full-time faculty
 - Instructors are approved by the academic unit
- Most onsite courses use some DL component
- Use of DL designator on transcripts
 - May cause unnecessary concern or confusion
 - No external purpose
 - Stressed that the designator will still be used for internal purposes
 - Provided a sample transcript to illustrate how DL courses are transcribed
- AAUR survey
 - UW is the only respondent that still uses a DL designator on official transcripts
- Supporting studies
 - “No Significant Difference”
 - Arnie Berger’s study
- Stressed that the delivery of courses should be about student preferences and that as faculty, our main concern should be meeting the needs of students.

3. Review and prioritization of FCEO next actions

Dave Szatmary:

Provost Wise asked the Enrollment Committee to consider when fee-based degree programs, as opposed to state-funded, would be appropriate. The Graduate Enrollment in Fee-based and State-based Programs subcommittee is formulating guidelines for the development of fee-based degree programs, such as involving UWB and UWT in the planning and review. It may be a good idea for FCEO to review the guidelines proposed by this committee.

Dave Szatmary:

We have been working on a proposal for a fee to cover the DL course infrastructure and faculty to allow matriculated students to take online courses as part of their regular course load. The committee may want to review this proposal.

Bill Erdly:

The rate of tenure track lines is decreasing and self-sustaining programs may not support tenure track lines. This issue has been discussed in other committees. FCEO should gather some data and get a deeper understanding of this issue, which will likely be brought to this committee in the near future.

Other issues identified by FCEO for future consideration

1. Use of library and other core resources by EO students and faculty
2. Availability of, and funding for, tenure/tenure track faculty lines within EO
3. Methods to incorporate UW research activities within DL and other outreach activities
4. Transfer/articulation agreements and degree pathways for students who take EO credit courses
5. Identification of opportunities and options for the participation of emeritus faculty in EO course/program development and delivery
6. Copyright issues, IP rights
7. Resource guide
 - a. Consolidates information about DL processes
 - b. **ACTION ITEM: Robert Corbett will form an action group.**

ACTION ITEM: Bill Erdly will confirm if the removal of the DL designation will be retroactive.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m. *Minutes by Shannon Tang, Administrative Assistant, University of Washington Educational Outreach.*

Present: *Faculty members:* Erdly, Olavarria
 President's designee: Szatmary
 ALUW: Deardorff
 ASUW: Ju
 PSO: Corbett

Absent: *Faculty members:* Keifer, Kyes, Lam, Larson, Zierler
 GPSS: Ting