

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Outreach
Thursday, January 19, 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

Bill Erdly called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes from December 15.
 2. Announcements
 3. DL designator legislation discussion with UW Registrar and Associate Registrar.
 4. Formation of draft legislation action team.
 5. FCEO task force/planning for other identified items
 6. Agenda for next meeting.
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1. The minutes from December 15 were approved.
 2. Announcements:
 - Please send nominations to Dave Szatmary for the Lifelong Learning Award. A \$5000 stipend will be awarded to a faculty member who has participated in lifelong learning activities for non-degree programs aimed at adults for professional development, personal interest or career redirection.
 3. Distance Learning Designator Legislation discussion.
 - Erdly said that there are many issues and considerations when discussing how distance learning courses should be listed on transcripts. Questions arose such as: 1) Do distance learning and classroom courses have the same syllabi? 2) Are distance learning courses different and/or less quality? 3) How does the distance learning designation on transcripts impact acceptance and transfers to other universities? 4) How do distance learning courses affect residency requirements with regular and international students?
 - Mildon stated that there is lots of data about distance learning courses as compared to classroom courses. Reports include graduation rates, G.P.A. patterns, and analysis of quality. The transcript issues arise after the course is completed. It is important for students to understand and know if a course is in a distance learning format. The time schedule should reflect the class format. There should be truth in advertising.
 - FCEO agreed to get rid of the DL designation on transcripts but keep residency requirements. Students need to know which courses are distance learning and these should be marked in the time schedule. Jansson said that when departments send courses to the time schedule, they need to send the format information.
 - There have been many conversations in the last 12 years about distance learning offerings. The C-prefix was removed by the first legislation and replaced by the DL designation listed on the transcript. In the past, Deans would approve DL courses but now the approval rests with FCAS.

- Future discussions will focus on where online degree approvals should reside, the Deans or the Faculty Senate? Should these approvals reside in academic units or the more general Faculty Senate? Would the Faculty Senate have enough information?
 - Erdly will send Mildon some business questions so Mildon can research and answer survey questions about distance learning offerings.
4. A sub committee was formed to write the language for the DL Legislation. The committee will take the existing legislation, make changes, justify the changes, and send the recommendations to the Faculty Senate. The committee members are David Szatmary, Bill Erdly, Thomas Deardorff, and Lillie Karelja.
 5. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Minutes by Coralie Watters, Administrative Assistant, UW Educational Outreach.

Present:

Faculty: Erdly, Olavarria, Rogers, Kyes

Ex Officio: T. Deardorff, Karelja, Stevens

President's Designee: Szatmary

Absent:

Faculty: Eberhardt, Keifer, Brock, Warnick, Wilkes, Zierler

Ex Officio: Campbell

Guests: Todd Mildon, Registrar, and Bob Jansson, Associate Registrar