

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH (FCEO)
Wednesday, December 2, 2009 3:00-4:30 PM.
36 GERBERDING HALL

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Discussion of the merging of FCEO with another Faculty Council
2. David Szatmary's report on any impact he sees from a move to ABB
3. Council members' input on online education at the UW
4. Chair's announcement

1. Discussion of the merging of FCEO with another Faculty Council

Chair Breitner reported that she will be meeting soon with Secretary of the Faculty Marcia Killien to discuss the future of FCEO. She noted that there are a number of reasons to merge two or more Faculty Councils. These reasons include the reduction in Faculty Council staff support and the overlap in the Council's activities and interests.

Chair Breitner further commented that it seems that there are a number of distance learning/online education efforts and initiatives happening at the same time and coming from different groups and units. She suggested that all the Faculty Councils that have an interest in this topic merge into one Council.

2. David Szatmary's report on any impact he sees from a move to Activity Based Budgeting (ABB)

Szatmary began his report by making a clear distinction between ABB and 2 Years 2 Decades (2Y2D). He stated that 2Y2D is a strategic plan, while ABB is a method of budgeting. He commented that the fee-based programs already use this budgeting method. Szatmary provided insight into the possible impact of ABB on Educational Outreach.

FCEO discussed how to decide which programs might be moved from state-supported to Educational Outreach and whether the Council should have a role in this discussion. They also discussed the criteria used when programs change their status from state-supported to fee-based.

FCEO discussed online learning in the context of 2Y2D. Council members agreed that distance learning/online learning can provide additional access and better outreach, but that it is not less expensive than traditional learning.

FCEO briefly discussed the other groups interested in or advocating for distance learning at the UW. These other groups include committees led by Kelli Trosvig, JW Harrington, and State Representative Reuven Carlyle.

3. Council members' input on online education at the UW

Szatmary announced that he is creating a white paper on online education at the UW. He asked for FCEO's feedback on it (once it is finished).

Szatmary also asked for the Council's input on the role distance learning will have at the UW in the future.

FCEO engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of distance learning at the UW, touching on "hybrid" courses that include some distance learning elements in their traditional courses, faculty resistance to using distance learning technology in their classrooms, and whether teaching distance learning courses is seen as a negative by tenure and promotion committees.

FCEO members agreed that they will comment on Szatmary's draft of his white paper through email.

4. Chair's announcement

Chair Breitner announced that she will be leaving the UW to move to Canada at the end of this academic year. FCEO discussed choosing a new Chair.

Chair Breitner stated that the Council will wait to approve the minutes from October. FCEO will approve two sets of minutes at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

*Minutes by Kristy Carter, Council Support Staff
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Present: **Faculty:** Olavarria, Breitner (Chair), Erdly, Zierler, Harrison
 President's Designee: Szatmary
 Ex Officio Reps: Domino, Ray

Absent: **Faculty:** Kyes, Wilkes, Yeh
 Ex Officio Reps: Le, Small