

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services**

October 12, 2009  
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Bill Rorabaugh called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of the May 12, 2009 FCUFS meeting minutes.
2. Climate Action Plan (Ruth Johnston)
3. New Business
4. Adjournment

**1. Approval of the May 12, 2009 FCUFS meeting minutes**

Chair Rorabaugh announced that the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved electronically over the summer.

**2. Climate Action Plan (Ruth Johnston)**

Johnston began the discussion with an update on the Climate Action Plan, which was submitted to the President, Provost, and other administrators in July. She distributed the handout "Climate Action Strategic Vision (DRAFT, updated 7/13/09)" to the Council. She reported that CAP had received approximately 200 responses to the plan. She noted that most responses were supportive, with only 13% of the responses categorized as "negative." The popular comment categories were commuting/professional travel and buildings/energy use. She drew the Council members' attention to the Proposed Key Administrative Mitigation Strategies and noted that this is a strategic vision, a "plan to plan."

Johnston reported that the University again received an "A-" from the Sustainable Endowments Institute. She updated the Council on some of the administrative changes that took place this summer: the shift to duplex printing in the computer labs and Copy Centers, the development of a sustainability pledge for UW community members, and the \$283,400 grant Transportation Services recently received from the U.S. Department of Energy via the Clean Cities Coalition to help it purchase hybrid vehicles and construct an electric charging station to support its electric fleet. She also announced that the Husky Green Fund has been created to support the Climate Action Plan and activities that continue the University's vision and leadership for environmental stewardship. She noted that there is a lot of student interest in CAP, there are many student green groups, and that many staff members have formed green groups as well.

Chapman provided insight into the University's part in a grant proposal to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Working with Seattle City Light, the University proposes the creation of a "Smart Micro Grid" on campus. The Council members discussed the definition of a smart grid, the technology involved, the details of the project, how a campus smart grid could allow the University to reduce consumption and its carbon footprint, and how the movement to a smart grid would be integrated into a possible transition to Activity Based Budgeting.

Johnston led a discussion about next steps. Now that the Climate Action Plan is complete, she thinks the upcoming year will be spent prioritizing the strategies contained in the plan, given the economic situation. The Council discussed mid-term and long-term goals and prioritizing the CAP strategies.

Chair Rorabaugh commented that 200 is a very small number of responses to the CAP, considering the size of the University community. He wondered whether this meant that only a small group of knowledgeable people is aware of the CAP, and that the greater campus community is not aware of the plan or its possible impacts. The Council discussed campus awareness of the plan, how to publicize it effectively, and how to build faculty and campus support for the plan. Johnston said her group is actively reaching out to the campus community. It was also pointed out that the newly-created College of the Environment will most likely take the lead on these issues.

There was a long and wide-ranging discussion on how the CAP will affect how faculty and staff do their work. Taylor commented that restrictions on professional travel would negatively impact research opportunities and therefore faculty careers.

Taylor suggested that the CAP's strategies should be studied by researchers to better understand and predict how the plan will work in reality and to prevent unintended consequences.

Johnston thanked the Council for their input and said she appreciates the way the Council acts as a sounding board for her and as a way for her to take the pulse of the faculty.

Schaufelberger suggested that the Council could prioritize the CAP strategies and thus help shape the University's agenda in this area.

Kennedy suggested FCUFS focus on greenhouse gas emissions and directed the Council's attention to page 21 of the plan, which describes Scope 3 – Other Emissions. Council members discussed commuting and parking issues, as well as the University's power plant.

### **3. New Business**

Ozubko asked for advice regarding the Art Building's recent security problems. Perhaps due to the custodians now working the day shift instead of the night shift, there have been problems with transients and others breaking into the Art Building. Two rooms have been broken into and the computer lab and offices have been the target of unsuccessful attempts at forced entry. Ozubko asked for input on how to maintain all-hours access to the Art Building for 800-900 students while preventing property loss and building damage.

Schaufelberger suggested that a card reader system could solve this problem and presented Gould Hall as an example of a building that uses this system successfully. The Council discussed the logistical problems that accompany restricting a building's hours and the cost of implementing a card reader system. Members suggested that Ozubko contact UWPD to arrange a security audit and to ask advice.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

Minutes by Kristy Carter, Council Support Staff, [kcarter4@u.washington.edu](mailto:kcarter4@u.washington.edu)

Present: Faculty members: Rorabaugh, Treser, Ozubko, Taylor, Bichindaritz  
President's designee: Charles Kennedy  
Ex officio members: Zuchowski, Walker

Absent: Faculty members: Gates, Chizeck, Little  
Other ex officio members: Keister, Albrecht

Guests: John Chapman, Executive Director Campus Engineering & Operations, Facilities Services; John Schaufelberger, Professor, Construction Management; Ruth Johnston, Associate Vice President, Finance and Facilities; Bruce Balick, Faculty Senate Chair