

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy**  
Thursday, November 10, 2005  
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Marcia Killien called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:**

1. Opening comments from the chair, introductions, agenda, minutes
2. Discussion of composition of FCTCP membership
3. Update on revisions to 3-campus review process
4. Topics for future discussion

**1. Opening comments from the chair, introductions, agenda, minutes**

Chair Marcia Killien welcomed new council members. Killien responded to questions by Council members by providing her understanding of the recent changes in the structure of the Office of Shared Governance. Changes were initiated by the new Secretary of the Faculty, the new Provost, and new Faculty Senate chair after examination of the Faculty Code. The college councils across the three campuses are *not* subcommittees of the faculty senate but of the faculty as a whole. The Senate Executive Committee continues as it has. The chair reviewed the staffing changes in the faculty senate office and their impact on the FCTCP. Efforts are being made to clarify relationships between the Secretary of the Faculty and the councils, the faculty and the faculty senate, the councils, and the college councils. The faculty councils still propose legislation to the faculty senate.

Minutes of the October 14, 2005, meeting were approved as written and will be posted on the Web.

**2. Discussion of FCTCP membership**

Based on her review of all the relevant documents, Killien confirmed current FCTCP membership, as stipulated in the Faculty Code. The current council membership is listed on the Faculty Council webpage. The council discussed several potential implications of continuing to extend voting privileges to the members of representative groups (this decision is made annually by the voting members of the council). The motion was made and unanimously passed to allow representative members on the council to vote during this academic year. When representative members do not include constituencies at all 3 campuses it was recommended the representative attempt to contact relevant groups on those campuses. It was also noted that the council has full discretion to invite guests to its meetings.

**3. Updates on revisions to 3-campus review process**

The Department of Earth and Space Sciences (UWS) has presented a proposal for a new program leading to an Environmental Earth Sciences (ESS) option within the existing major in Earth and Space Sciences. The proposal was posted by and email notice came out of the Provost's Office, which is also receiving the responses and comments.

This is the first program proposal this academic year to fall under the new 3-campus review process that was voted on and instituted last year. Under this process when a new program comes to a campus curriculum committee it is to be submitted for university-wide review, which includes posting on Catalyst, notifying all faculty of a 30-day comment period, and review of comments by the originating campus' curriculum

committee. In the past this process was administered by the Secretary of the Faculty. The new Secretary, however, has recommended that the administration should provide support for implementing the process. The result is that new decisions need to be made about how to provide general administration of the process.

For the short term, a group—Marcia Killien, Donna Kerr, Robert Corbett, Tim Washburn, Todd Mildon, and Ana Mari Cauce—will meet to determine who will be responsible for posting new proposals and how to ensure faculty comments are visible to everyone. Killien noted that a decision will be made by the end of next week (week of 11/14) on a system that all can agree on for the immediate future.

In response to a question about the genesis of the 3-campus review requirement, the chair provided a brief history. The current process is an implementation of the executive order.

#### **Questions about the review process for future discussion**

- What obstacles has each campus encountered in the review process? Some perceptions that the process is onerous and constitutes unnecessary work, especially if it does not occur simultaneously with the particular campus' review process.
- What is the “value-added”? Bellamy suggested that the process gives autonomy to faculty at each campus versus only a Seattle review of all programs. It was also suggested that the process is “preventative,” allowing faculty to express discomfort, disagreement.
- At what point should the process be evaluated?
- What might improve the efficiency of the process, e.g., make it an online system; review the timing of the comment period for the reviews. Killien did point out that FCTCP has been quite timely in its responses; if no meeting is scheduled, the proposal is emailed to the members.

#### **4. Topic for later this year**

Bellamy observed that under the Faculty Code campuses (Bothell and Tacoma?) are treated like colleges. A mechanism is lacking that would allow discussion of boundaries of campuses, because they're not defined by curriculum. Example: would it be permissible for the UWEO to offer a program at UWB that competes with one of that campus' programs or take one of UWB's programs to UWT and eliminate that program at UWT? Or – the current push is to shift professional programs to cash-based. If this continues it could limit UWT and UWB programs, but at present there's no locus for coordinating or discussing where the boundaries should be. Bellamy will frame the topic/question for next month's meeting, since no other forum is evident.

It was also requested that Bellamy contact the Provost or President to find out plans for followup from the Tri-Campus Task Force retreat of last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Minutes taken by Laraine Hong, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UW-Bothell. [lhong@uwb.edu](mailto:lhong@uwb.edu); 2-3276

**Present:** Faculty: Killien, Harrington, Barsness, Leppa  
President's designee: Bellamy

**Absent:** Members of representative groups: Chen, Corbett, Fugate, Weitkamp  
Faculty: Krishnamurthy, Stein  
Ex officio members: Stygall, Collins, Lovell, Tenenberg

**Guests:** Kevin Lavery, Associate Professor in Business and chair of the General Faculty Organization, UW-Bothell; J. Rausch, faculty, UWT