

University Of Washington
Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., October 25, 2012
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Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Welcome and Introductions
 - 3) Approval of April 19 and May 24, 2012 FCTCP minutes
 - 4) 2012 – 2013 FCTCP Issues Overview
 - 5) Discussion regarding future FCTCP Mission/Membership
 - 6) Appointment of FCTCP Tri-Campus Review sub-committee
 - 7) Adjourn
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1. Call to Order

Council Chair Bill Erdly called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The Council briefly went through introductions.

3. Approval of April 19 and May 24, 2012 FCTCP minutes

Approval of minutes from the April 19th and May 24 meetings were approved as written.

4. 2012 – 2013 FCTCP Issues Overview:

Erdly provided a list of past issues pertinent to Tri-Campus policy:

- a) Examination of the relationship between the three faculty governance structures.
- b) Follow-up on updated student conduct code changes and impact on cross-campus enrollment.
- c) Processes related to cross-campus degrees/minors and role of UW Curriculum Committee:

During the May 24th FCTCL meeting, there was a recommendation to rename the UW Curriculum Committee in order to clarify the role of this committee, as it does not review curricula.

- d) Budget, faculty governance, and legislative representation related to tri-campus strategic planning.
- e) Discussion of potential issues related to UW Seattle, Bothell and Tacoma self-sustaining and distance learning degree programs (and delivery methods) and cross-campus implications.
- f) Examination of variations/changes to faculty handbook that affect UW Tacoma and Bothell faculty:

Erdly informed that he has received questions on variations between practice and policies within the faculty handbook at UW Tacoma and Bothell, such as promotion and tenure processes. Concern was expressed of a potential disconnection from the Faculty Senate, and the need was emphasized to have efficient processes to allow for such variations.

- g) Cross-campus faculty research activities/opportunities – and an examination of selection processes related to limited submission research applications from the University of Washington:

A question was posed whether UW is considered one institution across the three campuses within National Science Foundation's limited requests for proposals. Erdly noted a need to inform faculty how the University determines which campus can apply for such grants. These policies are often contingent on the agency, and the central office is responsible for compliance for federal grants.

The question was raised how such agencies deal with the UC system, and tradeoffs on becoming a system were described, such as the lack of individual governing structure within systems. The current working relationship across the three campuses provides flexibility to the Bothell and Tacoma campuses.

- h) Tri-campus review process for new degrees, programs, etc:

Erdly would like to re-visit the charge of the Tri-Campus Review Subcommittee. This Subcommittee reviews comments on program changes given during the period of Tri-Campus review. With more degrees being proposed from all three campuses, there is an increase in confusion and contentious comments on changes. When receiving such contentious comments, the Subcommittee has served as a mediator between the commenter and responder. The concern is that, if these are proven to be academically sound programs, what is gained from comments from other campuses? Additionally, due to concerns that comments come too late to change programs, it was suggested to begin the comment period earlier to improve ability to react to suggestions. Discussion also followed on the accreditation process across the three campuses.

Lastly, it was mentioned that UW Bothell is currently undergoing restructuring, due to the search for a new Chancellor. The firm conducting this search had performed the search for the current chancellor, which is helpful as it has experience with the UW Bothell and UW context. The Search Committee is currently considering criteria, and Executive Vice Provost Doug Wadden requested for councilmembers to provide him with any questions to be posed by the Search Committee. Wadden informed that semi-finalists will be confidential to the Search Committee, and the Committee's role is solely advisory. Visiting candidates for this role had met the Faculty Senate Chair, Secretary of the Faculty and FCTCP Chair to discuss faculty governance, and hopes were that these conversations would continue.

5. Discussion regarding future FCTCP Mission/Membership

Erdly noted that the biggest item for consideration is on the growth across campuses and strategic planning, and emphasized the Provost's role in defining the relationship between the three campuses. Erdly emphasized the importance of participation of UW Bothell and Tacoma on the Senate Committee for Planning and Budgeting meetings. The Online Undergraduate Degree Completion Initiative was considered an example of the need for cross-campus communication, as the level of involvement could differ across the campuses.

The question was raised whether the role of the Council should be either a Faculty Council or University Committee. A University Committee offers more of a voting representation of faculty and administration, rather than a policy advising role. UW Director of Rules Coordination Rebecca Deardorff spoke of the difficulty of getting all three campuses and administration together to coordinate rules, causing ad hoc approaches to deal with such issues. She stated a need to have faculty, staff and students together on considering these issues. ASUW representative Maxine Sugarman informed of similar confusion that students had encountered regarding Tri-Campus coordination and a proposal has been

made to create a student body similar to FCTCP. Complications had arisen when seeking to broaden student endorsement of the undergraduate diversity requirement at UW Bothell and Tacoma, raising questions on how to coordinate activities across the three campuses, streamline student voice into one clear perspective.

Common Application

Sugarman requested for the Council to follow-up on potential UW adoption of the Common Application (Common App), noting that she had drafted a resolution in support of this. The Common App provides students with a common, standardized first-year application form for use at any member institution, while allowing schools to add supplemental questions. Last year, two barriers for adoption of the Common App were identified: UW does not accept letters of recommendation, and the Common App does not allow use of the high school grid, a process which reduces labor in reviewing applications through integrating GPA and other statistics for state of Washington students without requiring transcripts.

The current application system can be confusing, especially if applying to more than one UW campus and it was suggested that bringing the three campuses to the Common App could increase applicants to UW Bothell and Tacoma from outside of the State of Washington. Curiosity was expressed on the following:

- Costs to both to schools or students, using the Common App
- Changes in enrollment within institutions before and after adoption of the Common App, and changes in student experience applying
- Differential benefits between the three campuses, as UW Seattle is receiving an “overwhelming” number of applications, whereas UW Bothell or Tacoma have different perspectives
- Impact on workload to review additional applications
- Whether the current application is more clear that students can apply to all three campuses
- Potential confusion on naming of similar degree between the three campuses

Proposed Undergraduate Diversity Requirement

Currently, the proposed requirement of diversity coursework for undergraduate students was in a similar proposal stage as last year. Currently, students are working with faculty to revise this proposal.

Undergraduate Online Degree Completion Initiative

This initiative provides for students with over two years of coursework with the opportunity to complete a social sciences degree through completely online courses. Discussion followed on the impacts of this initiative on each of the three campuses. David Szatmary, Vice Provost of Educational Outreach, who is sponsoring this initiative, could present to FCTCP. Councilmembers considered the WSU’s model, which portrays a similar program as “another campus.” If UW takes this approach, the new “campus” may need representation on FCTCP.

Questions followed whether Bothell and Tacoma would have the opportunity to participate in this initiative, but it was unclear on where such an initiative would be “housed,” either within the College of Arts & Sciences or Educational Outreach. It was expressed that either campuses or colleges may be more interested in hosting such a program in order to gain FTE faculty, rather than teaching through Arts & Sciences.

Naming of Concentrations / Majors

Concern was expressed on the confusion of parents and students regarding “concentrations,” which were shifted to “majors” for clarification. Last year, it was suggested that the University establish a matrix comparing naming in similar programs, and to help students identify the differences between campuses. Ideas to allow students to have easier access to compare programs were suggested, either through making this information “pop up” within the application form, or visually through a matrix or chart. Erdly requested for the Faculty Governance structure, the Faculty Senate, UW Bothell’s General Faculty Organization and UW Tacoma’s Faculty Assembly, to meet and discuss these approaches.

6. Appointment of FCTCP Tri-Campus Review sub-committee

Sarah Leadley, Johann Reusch, and Kyle Crowder offered to serve on the Tri-Campus Review subcommittee. Erdly will provide further details on the charge and process for this subcommittee.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. by Chair Bill Erdly.

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Present: **Faculty:** Erdly (Chair), Dolšak, Crowder, Roesch, Kucher
 President’s Designee: Harrington, Wadden, Jeffords
 Ex-Officio Reps: Leadley, Kari Lerum, Deardorff, Sugarman
 Guests:

Absent: **Faculty:** Endicott-Popovsky
 Ex Officio Rep: Fridley, Lee, Purdy, Fridley