

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON TRI-CAMPUS POLICY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Marcia Killien called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Introductions
2. Orientation to charge of FCTCP
3. Old business
 - a. Review of annual report
 - b. Status of program reviews
4. New business
 - a. Agenda building for the year

1. Introductions

Chair Marcia Killien welcomed members to the first meeting of the academic year. Introductions were made around the table.

2. Orientation to charge of FCTCP

The Chair explained that although her term as chair was up last year, she will be serving one more year. The membership of the Council has expanded to include three official President's Designees: UWT Acting Vice Chancellor Alan Wood, UWB Vice Chancellor Tom Bellamy, & UW Executive Vice Provost Ana Mari Cauce.

The purpose of the Council has been to deal with matters of policy that cross all three campuses. Since its inception the Council has dealt with two major challenges. The first is difficulty in recruiting adequate faculty representation from the Seattle campus. The second is that in general, the council deals with issues that are within the domain of university administration more than other Councils. Converting the FCTCP to a joint faculty-administrative committee had been considered last year, but a compromise which included having designees from the President representing all three campuses was set as the structure of the Council for the present.

3. Old business

a. Review of Annual Report

The chair briefly reviewed the major issues outlined in last year's Annual Report, which had been attached to the meeting agenda.

b. Status of Program Reviews and other issues from the previous year

Killien then reported that there were three major issues from last year that continue to require the Council's attention. The first is the status of the three-campus review system. The system has been in place for approximately 18 months and the Council may want to consider doing an evaluation of how well that system is working.

The second major issue from last year is a discussion of the results of the LCVI survey across the 3 campuses. Results have been discussed with the faculty at UWT, and Executive Vice Provost Ana Mari Cauce will work with Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (UWB) Tom Bellamy to provide information for Bothell.

The third issue is guidelines for determining when campus-specific accreditation of programs is appropriate. The Council could have a role in developing guidelines and decision criteria in order to more effectively judge when accreditation of programs should be done jointly and when they should be done separately.

The following outlines a discussion that led to the formation of an agenda for the Fall Quarter work of the FCTCP.

Faculty Council member Marcy Stein (Tacoma) noted that although the three issues above need Council attention, the larger issue is moving toward finding ways for the three campuses to more effectively work together over the next six years.

Dr. Cauce suggested that stumbling blocks to progress in this regard include the assumption that Bothell and Tacoma are similar institutions. This is not the case, and we need to move beyond the simplistic “main campus plus two branch campuses” model. It also includes the assumption that consistency of policy is required across the three campuses. Bellamy urged that the Council take steps that would catch policy up with practice. He noted that a number of Faculty Councils (such as FCAS, FCSA and FCFA) have no faculty representatives from those campuses and do not normally address concerns from the new campuses. At the same time, there are other Faculty Councils (such as FCUFS) that deal with issues of significant concern to all 3 campuses, but sometimes only include Seattle representation in the discussion (as occurred, for example, in discussion of how compression funds would be allocated last year).. He also expanded on Stein’s idea that some decisive step be taken to lead the University toward finding ways to work more effectively together by saying that the decisive step might well be legislation that would make a distinction in the Faculty Code between a “college” and a “campus” at the University of Washington.

Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (UWT) Alan Wood suggested that the Council invite Norm Rose, Professor Emeritus (UWS), to address how the branch campuses have evolved since their inception and how over time the branch campuses have moved from complete integration with the Seattle campus to almost complete autonomy. Rose may be able to shed some light on what has taken place over the past sixteen years, and to identify trends that would help determine how best to move forward over the next six years.

Given consultation with Rose, if the Council wishes to consider legislation to change the Faculty Code this year, the first draft of legislation would need to be presented to the Senate Executive Committee at its January meeting. Preparation for drafting this legislation would need to be a priority for the Council during the Fall Quarter.

Stein emphasized that the impact of legislation (distinguishing between colleges and campuses) could be enormous on the UWB and UWT campuses. Guest Steven Collins (Faculty, UWB) added that this lack of distinction is very corrosive on faculty morale and has led to cynicism about the Faculty Code. This makes it very difficult in recruiting new faculty who have questions about governance issues. Bellamy noted, for example, that although the UWT and UWB campuses are considered like colleges in the Code, students are denied many of the benefits provided for students of colleges on the Seattle campus.

Wood will invite Rose to talk with the Council about issues raised at today's meeting, including the proposal to draft legislation. FCTCP members are encouraged to bring copies of previous work done in other contexts on this issue to the November meeting.

4. New business

Members from the UWT campus noted that 8 a.m. meetings are especially difficult for those members who must commute. This will be addressed when setting meetings for Winter and Spring Quarter.

Faculty Legislative Representative David Lovell asked Council members (especially those from Bothell) for feedback at future meetings on reports from Olympia that a group of legislators are pushing for the creation of a four-year "polytechnic" college in Snohomish County. Cauce noted that she had been included in a recent meeting where this idea had been discussed. She will share that information with Lovell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes by Susan Folk, Office of Regional Affairs, slfolk@u.washington.edu, or 206-221-4183.

Present:

Regular: Marcia Killien, Carol Leppa, Zoe Irene Barsness, Marcy Stein

Ex-officio: Dan Luchtel, Mike Stiber, David Lovell

President's Designees: Thomas Bellamy, Ana Mari Cauce, Alan Wood

Guest: Steve Collins

Absent:

Regular: Sandeep Krishnamurthy, JW Harrington (excused)

Ex-Officio: Julie Nicoletta (excused), Cynthia Fugate, Robert Corbett, Bill Weitkamp

