

Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy
Friday, April 23, 2010
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Meeting Synopsis

1. Call to Order
2. Review of the final report of the Working Group on Tri-Campus Relations
3. Status and discussion of the phase 2 review of new degrees and majors
4. Report from our ASUW representative on student concerns and priorities regarding tri-campus issues
5. Adjournment

Call to Order

The meeting started at 3:02 P.M.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Review of the final report of the Working Group on Tri-Campus Relations

The Council continued to discuss the report of the Working Group on Tri-Campus Relations. Discussion ensued on how the FCTCP or a new body could better facilitate communication across the University in light of the differences in the structures of representation across the three campuses. While some structures represent campus-level constituencies, others are university-wide. Students, for instance, form representative bodies (ASUW, ASUWB, and ASUWT) whose constituencies are specific to each campus. So too do the administration and faculty at Bothell and Tacoma. In contrast, at the Seattle campus the Faculty Senate and administrative organizations serve University-wide constituencies. A key question for FCTCP is how effectively to represent, and integrate, campus-specific and University-wide voices of students, faculty, and administration in shared governance as the three campuses continue to evolve. It was pointed out that the Board of Deans and Chancellors and the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting deal with University-wide issues while including representatives from each campus, and their experiences may hold out lessons for FCTCP. It was also noted that the Council currently has the incoming vice-chairs for the faculty governance bodies at each of the three campuses serve as ex-officio members. The Council discussed how it might make more sense to have immediate past chairs serve as ex-officio members instead.

The Council decided that it would formally invite the Chancellors of Tacoma and Bothell to the next FCTCP meeting in May.

2. Status and discussion of the phase 2 review of new degrees and majors

Jennifer Payne from the Registrar's office gave an overview of the tri-campus faculty review of new majors, minors, and programs, which is carried out in accordance with Executive Order Sec. I 3-23C. Under this policy, at the end of the review FCTCP determines whether the prescribed process was followed; based on its finding, it recommends to the University Registrar whether the proposal should be forwarded for final approval. Discussion ensued on the way in which FCTCP regards responses proposing units make to comments faculty provide during the 15-day period when proposals are posted for faculty across the University to review. Payne suggested that if FCTCP judges a proposing unit's response to be inadequate, it should contact her. The campus-specific faculty governance organization has the final determination of whether the responses to comments are adequate or not. She also noted that

accreditation practices vary across the campuses. For example, engineering is accredited separately on the three campuses, while Nursing, Business, and Social Work are jointly accredited.

3. Report from our ASUW representative on student concerns and priorities regarding tri-campus issues

Xheni Diko, the ASUWB President, shared a student perspective on tri-campus issues. Her sense is that students at Tacoma and Bothell see themselves affiliated with very distinct institutions and would like to see more interaction and shared resources among the three campuses. She suggested that FCTCP or other body create more opportunities for students to take advantage of curricula and other resources across the three campuses. These might include more cross-campus minors like the Human Rights minor, joint career counseling, social activities, and tri-campus student-government meetings, as well as greater ease in enrolling in courses across the three campuses.

Adjournment

Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Collins (Chair), Wood,
 President’s Designee: Wadden
 Ex-Officio Reps: Harrington, Kochis, Lazzari
 Guests: Jennifer Plant (Registrar’s Office)

Absent: **Faculty:** Endicott-Popovsky, Primomo, Stein
 President’s Designee: Rushing, Jeffords
 Ex Officio Rep: Deardorff, Fridley