

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON TRI-CAMPUS POLICY
THURSDAY, March 13, 2008, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
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Chair Janet Primomo called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2008
2. Review the revision of the Procedures for Reorganization, Consolidation, and Elimination of Programs (RCEP), Faculty Code Section 26-41. (See attachments: side-by-side comparison and introductory statement). Guest: Faculty Affairs member Rich Christie.
3. Review and discussion of the scope of Faculty Council representation from UWB/UWT (see attachment sent to UWB GFO and UWT Faculty Assembly).
4. Identify priorities for the remainder of the academic year:
 - a) Explore innovative cross-campus initiatives (i.e. College of the Environment)
 - b) Revisit coordination of Educational Outreach programs with the programs of the 3 UW campuses.
 - c) Developing "undersecretaries of the faculty" for UWB & UWT
 - d) Other

Spring Quarter agenda items:

- 1) Review data, and make recommendations from the evaluation of the three-campus undergraduate curriculum review process (Robert Corbett, Marcia Killien, JW Harrington)
- 2) Follow-up regarding UWB/UWT membership on the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting
- 3) Discuss criteria for considering the development of Schools and Colleges within UWB and UWT campuses: Faculty Code Section 26-41. Guests to be invited: Chancellors Pat Spakes and Kenyon Chan.

1. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2008

The minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Review the revision of the Procedures for Reorganization, Consolidation, and Elimination of Programs (RCEP), Faculty Code Section 26-41. Guest: Faculty Affairs member Rich Christie.

Chair Janet Primomo introduced special guest, Rich Christie, from the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs which has been revising the procedures for Reorganization, Consolidation, and Elimination of Programs (RCEP). Christie gave a brief historical overview of the RCEP procedure that grew out of a need for clear process and shared governance when programs and departments are faced with elimination or restructuring. He pointed to last year's Department of Pathobiology RCEP as an example of a program being eliminated because of a financial shortfall.

Christie outlined recent revisions made to the RCEP in the faculty code, section 26-41. He pointed out the differences between a full versus a limited RCEP process, detailing the steps dictated by the code. Christie explained that the code revisions make the process more transparent and fair for all parties affected by the change. The revisions, for example, to remove confidentiality requirements and to extend many deadlines, allow for a more thorough review of the process. Christie noted the name change of the Program Identification Committee to the External Faculty Committee, an independent body that is charged with setting its own meetings, monitoring the RCEP process, and presenting a report on its observations.

Council members asked Christie several questions concerning the application and timing of the RCEP procedure. In response Christie noted that the procedure does not apply to the creation of new programs, that it occurs infrequently, and that the addition of the words “Chancellor” and “campus” to the legislation provides faculty from Bothell and Tacoma campuses the protection of the code and a clear process to follow. Christie emphasized that while the President, the Provost, Deans, and Chancellors are the ultimate decision makers, it is always wise for them to consult with faculty before making their decisions.

Christie was asked about the status of the RCEP revisions process. He replied that the current revisions were under review and there were issues to discuss concerning the college level process. He projected that they will complete the revisions by the end of spring quarter and begin Class A legislation next year. He asked the council to have a wider discussion amongst the Senate Executive committees at UW-T and UW-B and produce feedback by the third week of spring quarter. He noted that he had received input from the Board of Deans. Council members then thanked Christie for his presentation.

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3). Discuss criteria for considering the development of Schools and Colleges within UWB and UWT campuses: Faculty Code Section 26-41. Guests to be invited: Chancellors Pat Spakes and Kenyon Chan

Chair Primomo brought up the agenda item on discussing criteria for considering the development of School and Colleges within the UWB and UWT campuses. She said that it is now being discussed openly in Tacoma. She noted that Chancellors Spakes and Chan will be FCTCP guests in spring. They could bring feedback on the RCEP revisions from the Board of Deans meeting. Discussing what to do, Primomo noted the need to follow up on the RCEP revisions and to think about how to help UWT and UWB develop schools and colleges, if the campuses grow in that direction. Council members spoke about the shift in the way the three campuses are talked about. Council member Robert Corbett raised the issue of advisers being involved in the RCEP process because they are directly affected by changes to programs and departments. It was noted that while the RCEP revision includes faculty, staff, and students in the review process, they need to be careful about where their involvement takes place in the process.

