

Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy - Annual Report 2005-2006

Marcia Killien, Chair

The Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy (FCTCP) was established in the Faculty Code in 2001 and charged with the responsibility for coordination of policies that affect all UW campuses. It also provides a forum for faculty of the three campuses to consult on matters of shared concern. Each campus has equal voting representation on the Council.

During the 2005-06 academic year, FCTCP held seven meetings (October, November, December, February, March, April, May) with additional task force meetings to further the work of the Council. Major issues addressed by the council this year included:

1. Revision of the processes for three-campus review of new or revised undergraduate programs.

In Spring 2004, the University implemented a process for three-campus review of new undergraduate programs or substantive revisions to existing programs. The responsibility for administering this process was assumed by the Secretary of the Faculty. In fall 2005, at the request of the newly appointed Secretary of the Faculty, Donna Kerr, the responsibility for administering the three-campus undergraduate program review process was transferred to the University Registrar. FCTCP participated in the revision of this process, along with administrative personnel from all three UW campuses.

FCTCP recommended to the Registrar criteria for which program changes require a tri-campus review. These include:

- a. changes that create a change in a student's transcript would be reviewed, e.g., new degrees, new minors.
- b. changes in prerequisites that would have an impact on the number of entering students;
- c. changes in graduation requirements that would have a substantial impact on the number of students completing a major or minor option.
- d. any change on one campus that could significantly alter program enrollments at one of the other two campuses.

FCTCP recommended to the Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS) that FCAS delegate the faculty approval of new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors, certificates and substantive changes to same to the Faculty Assembly (or APR) at UWT and the General Faculty Organization at UWB, and further that the chair of these respective faculty bodies at UWT and UWB be authorized to sign the proposals related to the above in lieu of the signature of the chair of FCAS.

2. Phase II reviews of proposed new or revised undergraduate programs.

The following program proposals were reviewed (Phase II reviews) between June 2005 and July 2006 by FCTCP, with recommendations sent to the University Registrar:

- Undergraduate Major in Finnish Studies, proposed by UW-Seattle.
- Undergraduate Minor in Applied Computing, proposed by UW-Tacoma
- Undergraduate Major in Computing and Software Systems, proposed by UW-Tacoma
- Undergraduate Option in Environmental Earth Sciences, proposed by UW-Seattle
- Undergraduate Minor in Diversity Studies, proposed by UW-Seattle

- Undergraduate Minor in Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian (Baltic Studies), proposed by UW-Seattle
- Undergraduate Major in Computer Engineering and Systems proposed by the Institute of Technology, UW- Tacoma.
- Undergraduate Option in Community Psychology, proposed by UW-Bothell

3. **Proposed Reorganization of Faculty Councils and University Committees**

FCTCP met with Gail Stygall, chair of the Task Force on Reorganization of Faculty Councils & University Committees to discuss alternative proposals for the future structure of FCTCP. The final recommendation, endorsed by FCTCP, was the FCTCP remain a faculty council for the present, but with the addition of 3 ex-officio Presidential designees: one from each campus (i.e. Vice Chancellors from UWB & UWT and Ana Mari Cauce, Executive Vice-Provost from UWS). Council members asked that the following questions be addressed by the Task Force: Will ex-officio presidential designees have a vote or not? What would be the rationale for this? What is the scope, charge, and authority of FCTCP under this proposed restructuring? What other ex-officio members should be included on the Council?

4. **FCTCP Membership**

Membership in FCTCP and terms of office were discussed and clarified with the Secretary of the Faculty. No members of FCTCP are scheduled to rotate off the Council for 2006-07, however Harrington will serve as Deputy Legislative Representative of the Senate next year and could be serving on FCTCP as an ex-officio member; thus he may need to be replaced as a regular member. Killien is not eligible to continue as Chair; Stein was recommended as chair for 2006-07 but also will be serving as chair of Faculty Assembly at UWT. The Secretary of the Faculty will be asked to address these membership matters by Fall 2006.

5. **Impact of educational outreach on programs on the 3 campuses**

Discussion focused on whether faculty had adequate input on review of EO offerings in two areas: quality of program and impact on campus enrollments. The programs should receive HECB review since they involve a new site, but do not necessarily come for three-campus review. FCTCP recommended that new EO programs be reviewed in the Council on Educational Outreach, with a referral to three-campus review if the program is deemed to have a 3-campus impact.

6. **Cross-campus registration policy**

A proposed revision in the UW's cross campus registration policy was proposed by the Registrar, with input and support from all 3 campuses. The rationale for the recommended changes was to increase the breadth of course offerings available to students, especially for freshman and sophomores at UWT and UWB, and to reduce demand on UWS bottleneck courses. The council members supported this change, to be effective Fall 2006. They recommended that the new policy be evaluated after 2 quarters and requested a report in Spring 2007.

7. **Naming of degrees**

The Provost asked the FCTCP discuss a policy recommendation for naming of undergraduate majors offered by more than one UW campus when the content and focus of the major differs substantially between the campuses. It was recommended that "during the process of program development, or whenever issues arise during the review process, an outside professional organization or expert (i.e. accrediting body) be consulted for advice" to bring the perspective of the meaning of the program title to external audiences (eg. the public, other professionals, etc.). This

consultant should be someone with credibility across all 3 campuses if possible. It was recommended that program titles should have national meaning and recognition.

Future agenda items:

- Confirm chair, vice-chair, and members (voting and ex-officio) of FCTCP.
- Review of the university's Leadership, Community, Values Survey results, specifically as they pertain to Tacoma and Bothell.
- Follow-up on recommendation on Educational Outreach program reviews.

FCTCP Membership, 2005-2006

Marcia Killien, UW Seattle, Committee Chair

J.W. Harrington, UW Seattle

Sandeep Krishnamurthy, UW Bothell

Carol Leppa, UW Bothell

Zoe Irene Barsness, UW Tacoma

Marcy Stein, UW Tacoma

President's Designee without vote: Thomas Bellamy, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Ex-officio with vote:

Gail Stygall, Faculty Senate Vice Chair

Josh Tenenberg, UW Tacoma Faculty Assembly Vice Chair

Steve Collins, UW Bothell General Faculty Organization Vice Chair

Ex-officio without vote: David Lovell, Faculty Legislative Representative

Members of Representative Groups:

Alvin Chen, ASUW

Robert Corbett, Professional Staff Organization

Cynthia Fugate, ALUW

Bill Weitkamp, Retired Faculty

Henry Louie, GPSS