

University Of Washington
Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., November 29, 2012
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Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Review and approval of October 25, 2012 Minutes
 - 3) Updates from the Chair and committee members
 - 4) The following items are for deeper discussion/action planning:
 - a. Detailed review of, and suggestions for, the tri-campus review process for degree programs – including self-sustaining/hybrid/on-line degrees/cross-program-campus, etc.
 - b. Planning for a tri-campus faculty governance meeting/retreat – issues, goals, and meeting location/format/attendees
 - c. FCTCP mission/role/membership
 - 5) Agenda formation for next meeting
 - 6) Adjourn
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1. Call to Order

Council Chair Bill Erdly called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Review and approval of October 25, 2012 Minutes

Minutes from the October 25, 2012 meeting were approved with revisions.

3. Updates from the Chair and committee members

Erdly noted that a Faculty Council Chair meeting had taken place last month.

4. The following items are for deeper discussion/action planning:

Erdly presented three ideas for the Council to consider:

a. Detailed review of, and suggestions for, the tri-campus review process for degree programs – including self-sustaining/hybrid/on-line degrees/cross-program-campus, etc.

Erdly described the Tri-Campus Review process, noting it is the last step before a degree code is created by the Office of the Registrar. Within this process, any faculty member may pose a question, and responses are requested from the sponsoring unit. FCTCP's role is to ensure that all questions are responded to, however a proposal may not be denied due to responses. Erdly expressed concern that responses occur too late for a program to be changed.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) had coordinated new programs across institutions statewide, however this activity has ceased. The value of early discussions regarding upcoming degrees was suggested to be recently illustrated by the Online Undergraduate Degree Completion Initiative. Earlier faculty consultation on this proposed degree was suggested to improve the leveraging of resources to serve the community, students and the University as a whole. The Council debated the potential of involving students in this process and the impact of new programs on Activity Based

Budgeting. Robert Corbett, Coordinator of New Programs, could provide information about the new Washington Student Achievement Council, which replaced the HECB.

The Council asked questions on the Online Undergraduate Degree Completion Initiative. This proposal is unique, as this was proposed from the President, rather than by an academic unit. The proposed Social Science degree was hoped to be created from an Evening Degree program, however faculty have expressed concern regarding the quality of this degree. Currently, the College of Arts & Sciences is forming a governing body to monitor this program. The Faculty Senate is requesting information to ensure that difficult questions are addressed before proceeding with this new program. From a Tri-Campus perspective, it was suggested that this may be a missed opportunity due to lack of involvement of UW Bothell and Tacoma in discussions beforehand. To optimize engagement and leverage of resources, such programs should be transparent earlier. Questions were posed on the process for establishing new programs, such as the steps to approving a program, and who has final approval.

It was suggested that FCTCP provide recommendations on the Online Degree Completion Initiative, while there is still time, as UW Bothell and Tacoma may compete with this program in terms of the student population. Another suggestion was for a strategic planning group to develop an earlier Tri-Campus feedback mechanism for new programs, including perspectives from the three campuses and the Registrar. A subcommittee was proposed, consisting of Erdly, Deardorff and Crowder.

b. Planning for a tri-campus faculty governance meeting/retreat – issues, goals, and meeting location/format/attendees

A meeting was suggested for the faculty governance across the three campuses. Debate followed on which stakeholders to invite, and it was suggested to begin with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Faculty Senate, UW Tacoma Faculty Assembly and UW Bothell General Faculty Organization. In addition, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting, the Secretary of Faculty and the FCTCP Chair should be invited. AAUP representatives may be also relevant to invite. Representation could begin with this years' leadership, and later with next year's leadership for continuity.

The Council considered potential agenda items for this meeting:

- Brief explanation of each Campus' faculty governance system (in advance)
- An overview of the academic review process
- Discussion on administration, redundancies, otherwise across all three campus perspectives
- Review of methodology for faculty participation within the budgeting process
- Improvement of student involvement at a Tri-Campus level
- Faculty Salary Policy
- Comparison of general metrics at each campus (i.e. student retention rates)

Discussion followed on the Joint Salary Policy Working Group, which is advising the Provost on potential salary increases for faculty and how this would be distributed. Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Jack Lee noted that though this Working Group does not have representation from UW Bothell and Tacoma, this could be changed in the future.

The first meeting for this Tri-Campus Faculty Governance meeting will be scheduled in late January.

c. FCTCP mission/role/membership

Erdly is interested in improving the clarity of FCTCP's charge. One suggestion was to split the Council into two different groups, one to deal with academic issues, the other to deal with non-academic issues.

The question was raised whether FCTCP is a University Committee, with a more administrative role, or is part of shared governance. As rules are being developed across the three campuses, there is an increase of conflicts between these rules. It was unclear if faculty have a role in shaping the of Tri-Campus structure, or if this charge falls to the Provost.

One suggestion was to investigate governance structures for other multi-campus universities, and create a report on this. The Council will identify members to draft this report on other multi-campus university governance, compare models and potentially draft an action plan.

5. Agenda formation for next meeting

An update was requested on the potential for UW to adopt the Common Application.¹ The ASUW Tri-Campus Board of Directors supports the adoption of this application. Discussion followed on the potential adoption by the University of California system of this application system, the workload of transcripts and letters of recommendation within Washington State. Feedback could be gathered from the University of Michigan’s experience in adopting the Common App, such as how this affected enrollment demographics and otherwise. FCTCP could invite Philip Ballinger, Director of Admissions, and Virjean Edwards, the University Registrar, to comment on the potential to adopt the Common App.

Rebecca Deardorff requested to know the best manner to distribute news across the UW Bothell and Tacoma Campuses, through email distribution lists or regular publications. Erdly recommended that she contact Barbara Van Sant or Lisa Walker at Bothell. Publications at UW Bothell and Tacoma also exist, “Husky Herald,” and the “Ledger,” respectively.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. by Chair Bill Erdly.

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Present: **Faculty:** Erdly (Chair), Roesch, Crowder, Kucher
 President’s Designee: Jeffords
 Ex-Officio Reps: Leadley, Lee, Deardorff, Sugarman, Lerum, Elise Randall

Absent: **Faculty:** Dolšak, Endicott-Popovsky
 President’s Designee: Harrington, Wadden
 Ex Officio Rep: Fridley, Purdy

¹ More information available at: <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx>