

## **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS**

The Faculty Council on Student Affairs met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, **March 9, 2005**, in 36 Gerberding Hall. Chair Jeffrey Schwartz presided.

### **Approval of minutes**

The minutes of February 9, 2005 were approved as written.

### **Comments from FCSA Chair – Jeffrey Schwartz**

Schwartz said that, by all signs, the first two events of the exhibit, “Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature”, were very successful (those on opening night, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and on March 8<sup>th</sup>). McKinstry said “Mary Shelley Speaks,” with Susan Marie Frontczak, on opening night, was exceptionally well received, and was equally entertaining and educational. The full schedule of events is included in the February 9, 2005 FCSA minutes.

### **Neighborhood Update – Jeffrey Schwartz**

Schwartz said the discussion on the University’s relationship with its immediate neighbors to the north, and other neighborhoods close to the campus, in its November 10, 2004 meeting, was helpful but “too limited a discussion”. He distributed a letter from Kent Wills, President of the Laurelhurst Community Club, dated 16 September 2004, in which Wills addresses a number of important issues. “One of these,” Schwartz quoted, “is the question of why the UW was asked to document its progress in working with the surrounding community, but without asking the surrounding community itself for feedback. Once again, those residential communities most affected by the UW’s overwhelming presence have been left out of the review process.”

Schwartz said, “In Olympia, Representative Murray again brought up a bill for consideration that would extend the Student Conduct Code off-campus. The bill failed, but representative Murray told Gail Stygall, the Faculty Legislative Representative, “The ball is now in the UW’s court,” implying that he expects the UW to do something about community concerns. Parks added, “Some 100 students attended a hearing on Student Lobby Day. There was strong student advocacy in opposition to extending the Conduct Code off-campus. The bill was tabled.” Schwartz said a possible effort towards a solution would be for the University to put together a meeting, or a series of meetings, at which everyone concerned came together. He suggested that the council, towards that end, send forward a Class “C” Resolution to the Faculty Senate to encourage such a meeting.

Schwartz shared a draft he made of a possible Resolution, the main heading of which reads: “Faculty Senate Resolution Recommending that the University of Washington Sponsor a Set of Meetings to Address Problems in the Relationship Between the University and the Community-At-Large.” Schwartz asked that council members look over the draft and send him any comments they may have. “Should we go forward with the Resolution?” he asked. The council was positive about sending the Resolution on to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. If Schwartz receives no feedback in several days, he will assume that the council approves the Resolution as it is, and will send it on to Ernest Morris, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Ross Heath, Chair of the Faculty Senate, for initial comments.

Pace said, “I think it would be a great step. The community feels the University is sticking its head in the sand. The surrounding neighborhoods are the University’s responsibility. The University needs to address the greater community’s concerns. It’s better for everyone that way.” McKinstry said there is on-campus behavior (the use of graffiti, for example) that is no less disturbing than what is taking place off-campus. Kravas said the problem “begs for people to come together.” He said one can only wonder what kinds of efforts have been made in the past. He noted that the Office of Regional Affairs does what

it can with neighborhood relations. “The issue goes far beyond this kind of problem,” he said. “But it’s hard to hold someone *in particular* responsible. Extending the Conduct Code off-campus is *not* a panacea.”

Pike observed: “People in the neighborhood feel their voices aren’t being heard.” Schwartz said, “It would be best to bring everyone together so that people understand *what* the problems are. A question is: What does this large organization – the University – want to do?” Pace said, “The University and the City both need to step up.” Parks said – in regard to extending the Conduct Code – “Students shouldn’t be subject to double jeopardy. Students see it as the City’s responsibility. There needs to be an increased police presence in the neighborhoods in question. The neighborhoods should approach the City.” Pace said, “But city police will start writing citations in mass numbers. That’s not the best solution. You won’t be happy with the City taking care of it.” Schwartz said, “It seems to me that the best approach is to bring everyone together to discuss the issues, and address what *each* group do to contribute [towards a solution]?”

### **FCSA Student-Athlete Initiatives – Jeffrey Schwartz**

Schwartz said, “Yesterday, I passed on to the ACIA the three issues our council is working on:

- 1) Adding discussions on Student-Athletes to the New Faculty Orientations [Schwartz said that the ACIA is interested in improving their programs with respect to this issue. Robenolt said, “I’d like Student-Athlete Academic Services to be involved too.” It was recommended that CIDR be notified as well.];
- 2) Developing a Program Where Articles (on student-athlete successes, ACIA, FCSA, and COIA issues) are routinely published in UWeek [Wood said the Athletic Department produces a brochure called “Huskies” highlighting student-athletes’ academic achievements, among other aspects of their student lives. And Schwartz said the University at-large doesn’t see much of this kind of information. Thus he thinks the UWeek articles an excellent idea. Gething suggested using the Web Page as well.];
- 3) Student-Athlete Survey Development [Schwartz contacted Nana Lowell of the Office of Educational Assessment (OEA). OEA could pull out data on student-athletes after they’ve left the University. Perhaps OEA could “hook up with the Athletics Department”. Robenolt said, “We’d love this information too, in Student-Athlete Academic Services.” Wood said ideas could be solicited from Patrick Dobel, the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) who will be visiting the council at its next meeting.].

### **Night Ride (Transportation: unfunded mandates) – Garrett Parks**

Parks said, “The ASUW Night Ride Program is a service for students that picks students up at various locations on campus and takes them home at evening and late-night hours. The ASUW has plans to extend the service to the IMA. Students feel uncomfortable walking to the IMA late at night (in hours after dark generally).” ASUW Finance and Budget Director David Morgan said, “We’ve met with Transportation Services. A contract has been written up. There will be one leg in the new transportation route, making stops at the Communications Building and the IMA. The service will be from 8:00 until 10:45 p.m. Any time earlier was thought unreasonable because of the extreme traffic congestion on Montlake Boulevard at rush hour.”

Morgan said the first quarter of the new leg of the Night Ride will be paid for by the Student Activities Fee (SAF). The cost will be \$5,900 per quarter. “We needed to sign on for two years,” he pointed out. “The contract will end on June 30, 2007.” Morgan said students do not believe SAF should continue to pay for the service. “ASUW wants this to be a pilot program. Then, after two years, if the program is successful, another funding source should take over from SAF.” Morgan said, “What’s the best funding possibility? We don’t know. We’d like your feedback.” Gething said, “Pitch it for a whole community, not just for students.” It was noted that Property and Transportation Services (PTS) runs Night Ride, but is not the funding source. “Since UPASS holders can use the Night Ride,” Morgan said, “SAF feels students shouldn’t pay for the program long-term.” Kravas said, “UPASS and SAF should work together

on this. Bridge funding is different from permanent funding.” Gething said, “UPASS makes sense; it’s for everyone on campus.” Almgren said, “UPASS might best be thought of as a ‘potential partner’.”

Schwartz said, “This issue brings up the question: What is student responsibility and what is the University’s responsibility? I see this as making our students safe: It’s a safety issue.” In response to a question, Morgan said, “The organization called ‘UW Cares’ has different responsibilities than the proposed Night Ride. Also, while yearly costs of UW Cares are fairly small, the correspondingly small number of students it services makes each walk cost about \$90 per walk. But it’s important to have students be able to get home without threat of attack or rape, or some other kind of harm.” Schwartz said, “SAF is presently funding the walkers, while the Office of Student Affairs covers administrative costs.” Parks noted that “UW Cares is minimally funded.” Lewis said, “You can’t quantify who’s *not* going to the IMA because of fear [about walking there in the dark, and late in the evening].” She also mentioned a reluctance among some students to use UW Cares. Morgan said, “If this *will* increase safety on campus, then the University will be seen as needing to be part of the funding source: part of a joint venture. But, now that SAF is listening, maybe they’ll consider more long-term funding help.”

### **COIA Update – Paul Wood**

Wood stated that the COIA Academic Integrity Document (AID) would be circulated for comment to FCSA members with a requested response date prior to April 4, when a pre-FCSA meeting with Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Patrick Dobel is scheduled. Wood opined that the University appears to be moving in a positive direction with respect to renewed emphasis on student-athlete academic performance. Indicators include the Athletic Director’s emphasis on student-athlete academic performance, his involvement in the development of the APR, which is being used by the NCAA to assess athletic team academic and graduation rate performance; and athletic team programs listing student-athlete GPA’s. Many teams are performing well, but the baseball, basketball and football teams need to rise above the 9.25 APR threshold.”

Robenolt said, “We’re being put into an equation; we’re on a quarter system here, which means more opportunities for eligibility, but also, more opportunities for ineligibility.” She pointed out that if a particular sport, in its eligibility rating, drops below 9.25, the University can lose scholarships. “This year, although the football and basketball teams are below 9.25, only baseball was punished,” she added. Basketball head coach Lorenzo Romar is for the APR because it will hold schools academically responsible. The formation and direction of the COIA has helped cause the NCAA to assess its role in setting and enforcing academic standards among its student-athlete population. “Although the COIA is not a formally recognized entity – in the same vein as the NCAA – its existence is having an impact on academic integrity within intercollegiate athletics.

Wood told the council that Faculty Athletic Representative Dobel will visit the April 13<sup>th</sup> FCSA meeting.

### **Next meeting**

The next FCSA meeting is set for Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall.

Brian Taylor  
Recorder

**PRESENT:** *Professors* Schwartz (chair), Almgren, Pace and Wood;  
*Ex officio members*, Ken Etzkorn (for George Bridges), Gething, Kravas, Lewis, McKinstry, Parks, ASUW Finance and Budget Director David Morgan, and Robenolt;  
**ABSENT:** *Professors* Brock, Fearn-Banks, Fridley and Stoelinga;  
*Ex officio members* Hatlen, Miller-Murray and Morales.