

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Faculty Council on Student Affairs met at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **November 21, 2000**, in 36 Gerberding Hall. Acting-chair Nanci Murphy presided.

Welcome and Introduction of FCSA members – Acting-Chair Nanci Murphy

Acting-Chair Nancy Murphy welcomed 2000-2001 FCSA members, who introduced themselves and identified their disciplines and departments.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of May 17, 2000 were approved as written.

Appointment of council representatives to the Task Force on Diversity and the Service and Activities Fee Committee

Carlyle volunteered to represent the council on the Task Force on Diversity. Council members will be contacted by email to see if a volunteer can be found to serve on the Service and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC).

John Pariseau: Director of Recreational Sports

John Pariseau, Director of Recreational Sports at UW, distributed copies of the 2000-2001 "Orientation Report" to the council, from the Department of Recreational Sports Programs.

Pariseau said the Department of Recreational Sports Programs (RSP) has two basic responsibilities: (1) to manage campus recreation facilities and (2) to provide a balanced program of structured and non-structured recreational sports and fitness activities designed to meet the diverse needs and interests of students, current and retired faculty/staff, and to a limited extent, Alumni Association Members, the general public, and guests.

Pariseau said Recreational Sports, in a word, are about "exercise." If the program can respond to the needs and desires of students, faculty and staff regarding the multifarious possibilities for exercise at the University, it will do so. The *modus operandi* of Recreational Sports at UW is governed by this premiss. "We are here to serve students," he said.

As to funding for Recreational Sports at UW, Pariseau said half of the funding comes from the Services and Activities Fee Committee: approximately \$1.5 million. Recreational facilities are managed by Recreational Sports, which also pays for their upkeep and for custodial maintenance. The management and upkeep are financed through fees the Program collects, and through contributions from the Student Services and Activities Fee Committee. (Because of this, students' desires and needs with respect to kinds of "exercise" made possible are given high priority in the planning, designing and renovation of recreational facilities at UW.)

Major recreational facilities include the IMA, the Waterfront Activities Center, the golf driving range, the swimming pool in the IMA, the outdoor tennis courts, Denny Field, the "Penthouse" Field (near the Penthouse Theatre), the climbing rock near Husky Stadium, and the IMA sports fields.

Pariseau said the major recreational programs at the UW are of four kinds: 1) Informal recreation such as swimming (in the pool in the IMA) and golf (the driving range); 2) Intramural sports (conducted in the IMA and other venues): organized competitive programs with more than 1,000 teams participating each year; 3) Instructional programs, in which upwards of 6,000 students, faculty and staff take part annually, and the instructors for which classes are hired by Recreational Sports; and 4) Club sports, such as rugby,

karate, rowing and rock-climbing, that do not have enough teams for intramural participation, and which engage in competition with other clubs and schools outside the University (students and other members of these sports clubs must do much of the work involved in organizing and sustaining these competitions).

In 1978, the facilities for, and user-needs regarding, recreational sports at UW were assessed. It was found that, for some time, space had been severely limited for the range of activities participated in by students, faculty, staff, and alumni in the IMA. Students using the facilities complained about overcrowding. Expansion was not forthcoming, however, in the next two decades. In June of 1998, students voted to assess a fee of up to \$35 per student per quarter to defray the costs of IMA expansion, with the understanding that students would have a significant say in the kinds of activities the expansion would accommodate. (Students gave \$2 million in up-front money to defray the costs of the expansion effort.)

Pariseau said the construction for the expansion of the IMA expansion will begin on July 1, 2001. The expanded facility will have four floors, including a new fitness space, an expanded entry, a jogging track on the third level with a 360° view including Lake Washington, a two-court gym, and an indoor climbing-rock. The space for free weights will be quadrupled, with a corresponding enhancement of fitness equipment. (Free weights, cardiovascular and weight machines are the highest single student priority among requests for facility enhancement.)

Lighting will be improved in the IMA, new flooring will be installed in hallways, and seismic upgrading will be undertaken. Administration offices will be constructed on the second level of the addition. An IMA sports café will be fashioned on the main level, which will be open to non-members. (There is at present no such facility in that sector of the campus.)

A new artificial-turf, night-lighted, multi-activity field also will be constructed, accommodating football, rugby, softball, and soccer, among other sports. The golf range will be rebuilt; tees will be added, and the fence will be raised.

Discussion of revisions to Executive Orders 28 and 30 – Elizabeth Feetham

Elizabeth Feetham, Associate Dean, Graduate School, and an ex officio member of FCSA, said the original Executive Order 28 (Graduate Student Service Appointments) has been “tinkered with” for 25 years, but has not been revised in some time until this year.

At the end of the 1998-1999 academic year, GPSS asked the Graduate School to form a task force to revise the order. In Autumn Quarter 1999, Marsha Landolt, Dean of the Graduate School, appointed an ad hoc committee to revise Executive Order 28. The task force, which was chaired by Dean Feetham, included several faculty members chosen by the Graduate School and two students who were selected by GPSS. The task force worked through the remainder of the 1999-2000 academic year and presented its report to Dean Landolt in June, 2000. In addition to a draft of the revised executive order, the committee offered its observations on a number of principles as advice to the subsequent committee on graduate appointee compensation and responsibilities to be appointed by the Provost and chaired by Deans Landolt and Hodge.

For FCSA’s discussion of this topic, council members were provided with copies of the original Executive Order 28, the draft of the new order, a listing of how the revised draft compares with the original order, and the committee’s transmittal letter to Dean Landolt recommending issues for future consideration by the Landolt/Hodge committee. Copies of the old and new versions of Executive Order 30 were also provided to FCSA.

Feetham said the revisions “cleaned up many aspects” of the executive order and that, as revised, they would serve as “guidance to departments for improving practice and making the process of providing graduate appointments more transparent to students.” Two major kinds of changes have been made to Executive Order 28. One has to do with changes in practice (such as the development of the Graduate Appointee Insurance Plan, Graduate School Memoranda 14 and 15, and the change in full time enrollment from 9 credits to 10) that needed to be incorporated into this policy document. The other has to do with an amplified explanation of various processes (such as publicizing positions or termination of appointments).

Carlyle suggested that checklists or outlines could be provided to departments to help them understand the steps necessary for implementation of the executive orders. Feetham indicated that the task force had had the same idea and hoped to provide this kind of information on the Graduate School’s web site.

Herwig said the “main thing the graduate students want is equity for compensation and workload.” A number of departments have an approved variable rate for research assistants which allows the department to pay these appointees what they believe they must pay in order to be competitive. However, the University of Washington, unlike some institutions, does not have a variable TA rate. Feetham also noted that GPSS has traditionally opposed a variable rate for teaching assistants. She also observed that TA tasks, workloads and workload issues vary widely by discipline, and that trying to make a standard policy for all different kinds of disciplinary units is a difficult task.

A brief discussion of Executive Order 30 followed. The main purpose of Executive Order 30 is to provide some of the same policies that apply in Executive Order 28 to graduate teaching, research, and staff assistants to graduate fellows and trainees. Hence Executive Order 30 was modified to be consistent with certain modifications to Executive Order 28.

Herwig made a MOTION that the FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS ENDORSE the REVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 28 and 30. Carlyle SECONDED the MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda items for Winter and Spring Quarters 2001

Student housing, visits by the ASUW and GPSS presidents, and voting status for ex officio members on the council, were suggested as agenda items for Winter and Spring Quarters 2001. Other agenda items may be emailed to FCSA Acting-Chair Nanci Murphy (murphyna@u) and brought to the council’s attention at the first Winter Quarter meeting.

Next meeting

The next FCSA meeting is set for Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at 8:30 a.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall.

Brian Taylor
Recorder

PRESENT: *Professors* Murphy (Acting-chair) and Carlyle;
Ex officio members Bennett, Feetham, Godfrey, Hatlen, Lee and Herwig.
Guest John Parisneau, Director of Recreational Sports

ABSENT: *Professors* Black and Nelson;
ex officio member Baker.