

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
Tuesday, January 9, 2007
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Brian Fabien called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the 11/15/06 and 12/13/06 FCSA Meetings
2. Report from the Chair
3. Report from the ASUW representative (Erin Shields)
4. New business

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 11/15/06 and 12/13/06 FCSA meeting were approved as written.

2. Report from the Chair

Chair Brian Fabien reported that he was unable to attend the most recent meeting of the Senate Executive Committee, but his review of the agenda indicated that discussion topics included the textbook issue and a presentation by Phil Ballinger on the Holistic Review Process.

He also referred to the recent University-wide e-mail sent by the President that referred to the North of 45th Committee as evidence that the President is tracking the implementation of recommendations of the Committee. Eric Godfrey reiterated that the e-mail was in response to the increasing violence in the area (three shootings have now occurred), and that the President is actively involved in discussions with the Mayor and the Seattle Police Department. Establishing a site for a joint office of the UWPD and the SPD in the neighborhood is one of the ideas being considered in order to create a close and visible police presence in the neighborhood.

3. Report from the ASUW Representative

Erin Shields, ASUW Representative, reported that legislation concerning the Student Conduct Code will be considered at this afternoon's Student Senate meeting, in consultation with President Emmert and Eric Godfrey, who will both be attending the meeting. Apparently a broad extension of the Code will not be recommended, and whatever is recommended will be established as a pilot program, to be reviewed thoroughly before being considered permanent. Eric Godfrey cautioned, however, that State Legislation may trump any local student and/or UW administrative inclinations regarding the Student Conduct Code. Erin will report back on status of student legislation at the next meeting.

She also reported that the Student Senate had approved its legislative agenda and that she would forward a copy to all members via e-mail. Student Lobbying day has been set for February 15, and faculty are being encouraged to allow students time from classes to participate in Olympia.

Other current issues for discussion in the student senate include promoting the use of fair trade coffee on campus, course fees, childcare and a four-year degree for American Sign Language.

Discussion ensued about childcare. Eric Godfrey described the voucher program that is administered through his office and provides vouchers for student/parents that cover about 60% of the monthly cost of a licensed childcare facility. Spaces in childcare sites on campus are subject to very long (years long!) waiting lists.

Anna Batie, GPSS representative mentioned that maternity and paternity leave for graduate students is also a current and large issue for GPSS members. Apparently graduate students often lose healthcare benefits when they take time off for the birth or adoption of a child.

Chair Fabien suggested that Randy Shapiro (director of childcare for Human Resources) and Eric Godfrey (in his role concerning childcare vouchers for students) might formally address the Council on student/parent childcare issues at a future meeting.

In response to a question about healthcare coverage for graduate students who are being funded by federal grants, Anna Batie said she would find out whether they, too, are likely to lose coverage during time off for the birth of a child.

There is no good source of data on student/parent need for childcare other than the length of the waiting lists for on-campus childcare.

4. New Business

Chair Fabien noted that there is a move to recruit new faculty members for faculty councils earlier this year. Three current council members are due to cycle off this year: Jeff Schwartz, Mark Stoelinga and Doug Brock. Names of possible replacements by members of their respective faculty groups should be forwarded to Brian, and he will make recruitment calls. He will distribute the list of faculty groups via e-mail.

Erin Shields encouraged Council members to consider attending the student senate meeting following the Council meeting to hear President Emmert speak about the Husky Promise and other issues.

Eric Godfrey concluded the meeting by reporting that the Governor's proposed budget is very good. It includes a tuition raise of 7% and no more – which takes local control of tuition off the table. If this budget were approved – and similar budgets approved over the next two biennia – the “funding gap” would be taken care of. Capital funding has increased 100% from the last budget and significant salary increases are proposed. This budget still needs to be approved by the House and Senate, but the Governor's budget is the best the UW has seen in many years.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty Members:** Douglas Brock, Brian Fabien, Jeffrey Schwartz,
Dennis Rasmussen
 President's Designee: Eric Godfrey
 Ex-officio Members: Anna Batie, Kathleen Collins, Carrie Perrin, Erin
Shields

Absent: **Faculty Members:** Kathleen Fearn-Banks (excused) and Mark
Stoelinga (excused)
 Ex-officio Members: Edgar Winans