

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2007 2:00-3:30 p.m.
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Brian Fabien called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of the minutes from the 3\6\07 meeting.
 2. Report from the Chair.
 3. Report from the ASUW representative.
 4. New Business.
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1. Approval of the minutes from March 6, 2007.

The council approved the March 6, 2007 FCSA minutes with one correction. Council member Doug Brock was in attendance at the meeting, but had been marked absent.

2. Report from the Chair.

Chair Fabien explained that he had met with Lincoln Johnson regarding the planned renovation of the HUB. He invited the council to attend a meeting, the HUB Master Plan Invitation, next Wednesday 1-2 p.m., in HUB 209A. Council member Stoelinga asked what changes were being planned for the HUB. Fabien replied that it wasn't known, but that the HUB building was in need of updating. The desire is for the HUB to be a community place for all students, including commuter and satellite students. The architecture of the building makes it difficult to get around. The project is in the planning stage now, and they want the FCSA council involved. He also remarked that significant new construction is being planned.

Fabien told the council that as Chair, he is also on the Global Education Task Force. He said that the Provost and President want all our students to be 'global citizens'. He remarked that his original idea of having students study abroad is currently well in practice, and so he needs to keep thinking about it. He is on the Institutional Capacity Subcommittee which is responsible for finding ways of making it happen. The committee meets every Friday. He will keep the council posted on its progress.

Fabien also brought up the legislation for Student Conduct Code. He noted that an article about the legislation was in the newspapers this last weekend. Eric Godfrey would be able to speak more on this. The legislation will likely come up this May, and May 12th is the last deadline to get it in place to be passed for this year. Stoelinga inquired whether it had the approval of ASUW and GPSS. Fabien replied that it did have their approval.

3. Report from the ASUW Representative

Council member Shields reported on several issues and events connected with ASUW activities:

- The Student Senate approved a Constitutional Amendment that will allow it to propose amendments without the Board's approval.
- The Medal-of-Honor Memorial project. The project has raised more than \$25,000 (with a goal of \$75,000) and proposes to create a campus memorial to UW alumni/attendees who have received the Medal of Honor while in the military.
- The Husky T-shirt exhibit received over 200 entries and will be unveiled at the Washington Weekend event. T-shirts will be for sale and scholarships will be available for students.
- ASUW elections are coming up.
- An ASUW task force on Student-Parent Services has been created to answer the question, what resources are available for student-parents?
- A Course-User Fee meeting in which participants inquired about where the money from course fees goes.

The last item Shields reported on concerned the issue of academic quality discussed at the last FCAS council meeting. She explained how FCAS created a task force to investigate special admit athletes who often take particularly easy courses. Council member Stoelinga inquired whether there was feedback on coaches wanting athletes to take easy courses. The discussion shifted to the notion of "capstone courses," classes designed as the culmination of a student's work in his/her major studies. Shields expressed a concern about how students are being asked to pull it all together, and take these courses when they are not always available. Fabien and Perrin noted that it may be difficult to create meaningful capstone courses for every academic discipline. Perrin noted that while seniors in Psychology are looking at internships, it is important to get to students early in the process to help shape their careers, and to help them end with a good package encompassing both academic and field experiences.

4. New Business

Chair Fabien introduced the issue of student needs, particularly financial needs. He asked for input from council members on their experiences. Fabien offered for example the Mechanical Engineering department where half of the student majors are offered a scholarship, and often the money goes begging. Specifically, he posed to the council:

1. What are student needs?
2. Are students not signing up for work study opportunities and undergraduate research labs, etc.?

Council member Fearn-Banks remarked that Communication majors have financial aid available to them but they don't sign up for it. She noted that it was the same at other schools (i.e. the California UC system). Council member Stoelinga inquired whether the perception among students was that the monies are competitive so they don't apply. Council member Perrin suggested that it might be an issue of when deadlines mesh. She advocates an outreach effort to help students, and their parents, find out about scholarship opportunities. Council member Rasmussen suggested that most parents know about the increased costs for college and have figured it out financially so that students don't pursue available scholarships. Fabien stated that the UW is spending a lot on student scholarships. Fearn-Banks responded that the Communication Department has many endowed scholarships and students need to be told to sign up for them.

Council members also discussed the availability of work-study programs, and some of the difficulties involved in hiring undergraduate students to work in research labs. Rasmussen inquired about whether there was a place on the website where students could find a list of available scholarships. Perrin noted the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs has information on scholarships available for students. Fearn-Banks remarked that if it was on the website parents might access it. Rasmussen added that an email letter to parents with scholarship information would be useful. Fabien said that he would look into that and would bring up the subject at the next SEC meeting.

Chair Fabien wondered whether it would make a difference if departments had robust student advising. Council member Perrin responded that we do have it. Perrin explained how she is working with Ed Taylor to try to carefully define academic advising and make points of contact with that. She added that this is part of helping students put together a "rich pathway." Rasmussen inquired if the university could require students to see an adviser every quarter. It was noted that this is not possible because the resources are not available for that large an endeavor. Fabien recapped the need to get a good database on scholarships available to students on the web, as well as on advising.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Present: Faculty: Fabien, Fearn-Banks, Rasmussen, Stoelinga
Members of Representative Groups: Shields, Perrin, Winans

Absent: Faculty: Brock (excused), Schwartz
President's Designee: Godfrey
Members of Representative Groups: Collins, Batie (excused)