

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY May 2, 2007
36 Gerberding Hall

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of minutes from the April 4, 2007 meeting.
2. Dr. Douglas C. Dugdale, Director, Hall Health Primary Care Center, Professor of Medicine
3. Report from the Chair.
4. Report from the ASUW representative.
5. New Business.

1. Approval of minutes from the April 4, 2007 meeting.

Chair Fabien noted that late requests for change prevent the council from approving the minutes. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting in May.

2. Dr. Douglas C. Dugdale, Director, Hall Health Primary Care Center

Chair Fabien invited two guests to FCSA today, Dr. Douglas C. Dugdale, Director of Hall Health Primary Care Clinic, and Dr. Anil Coumar, Director of the Mental Health Clinic in Hall Health. Guest Dugdale explained that he has been the Director of Hall Health for the last 8 months. He noted that prior to coming to Hall Health he was the Associate Medical Director for Ambulatory Services at the UW Medical Center. His background is in General Internal medicine.

Dugdale handed out a copy of a power point presentation providing an overview of the mission and services of the Hall Health Primary Care Center. He stated that the primary mission of Hall Health is to facilitate each student's academic success at UW by providing high quality health care that is easily accessible and affordable. Highlights of the presentation include:

- HHPCC accepts non-students along with students; about 1/3 of all patients are non-students.
- Student services include a variety of special units: dermatology, gynecology, mental health, among others.
- Core student health services are subsidized (free) by the Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC).
- Students receive both medical and mental health services. Medical services include immunizations and contraception. Mental health makes up a large part of

- HHPCC services to students. The Core services provide crisis intervention and access to U-Call (peer listening service for after-clinic hours).
- HHPCC also provides some public health services for emergency situations or infectious disease outbreaks.

Student use of HHPCC services has risen sharply in the last five years. Student visits in 2006 to HHPCC reflect primary care as the service most in demand, followed by mental health. Dugdale noted that the Student Advisory Committee rates HHPCC yearly with the “Give Us a Grade Survey.” Dugdale also addressed the revenue sources for HHPCC coming less from SAFC now, and more through UW Medicine. Council member Fearn-Banks asked whether they accept insurance from non-students. Dugdale replied that they do accept students with a variety of insurance through UW Medicine. Another council question inquired about the revenue figures from Hall Health affecting the number of students coming for services. Dugdale replied that there was no pressure to serve fewer students.

The discussion turned toward financing of HHPCC. Dugdale characterized the current funding as a negotiated process through SAFC. He would like to see a dedicated health fee in its place. He would also like to see health insurance be required. Now, all but 15% of UW students have some kind of health insurance.

Dugdale spoke briefly about updating the aged Hall Health building. He quoted the estimate as between 3.6 and 6 million dollars to upgrade the building and install more state-of-the-art equipment. He noted that he had been invited by SAFC to investigate getting Hall Health updated.

Dugdale described his goals for HHPCC. His ideal system would be one in which every student came into HHPCC at some point, a universal approach.

The discussion shifted to talk about Mental Health services available through Hall Health. Guest Anil Coumar, Director of the Mental Health Clinic at Hall Health, spoke at length about the increased trends in students with mental health problems, with some that are serious and chronic. He spoke about the inadequate number of mental health care providers and counselors on campus to service all the students in need. Coumar explained that there are about 120 students on a waiting list that will have to wait three to six weeks to get in to see a counselor. He described how they assess a student’s mental health needs. He noted that students often enter HHPCC with a physical ailment, and then are referred to the mental health clinic. Students can also access the clinic through an on-line website and the U-Call system. Council member Brock asked if students with depression can receive pharmacological treatment through the clinic. Coumar spoke about crisis intervention which involves treatment beyond therapy. Council member Winans inquired whether the clinic can refer the difficult cases to other agencies. Coumar explained that when a student has a drinking problem, for instance, they seek help outside of the UW community for that student. Council member Perrin noted that her office does academic counseling and it would be great see a whole case manager for these students, either through Eric Godfrey’s office or HHPCC.

Fabien asked Coumar to email him the number of FTE that he would like to staff the mental health center. Dugdale suggested inviting Katherine Hamilton, Director of the Counseling Center at Schmitz Hall to speak to FCSA about the issue. He then reviewed the history of the student counseling center. Dugdale remarked that students are often confused about where they should go on campus for their problems, and he would like to improve the confusion. Coumar spoke about the services his office provides for students. He noted that he would like to handle substance abuse issues but does not have the room for more groups. Dugdale commented that HHPCC shares Hall Health with another group. Fabien noted that Safeco Tower is a possible site for their use.

3. Report from the Chair

Fabien commented that he attended the SEC meeting and much time was spent talking about faculty salaries. He noted that the council needs to plan a meeting with the Provost to talk about the issues raised by the council this year.

4. Report from the ASUW Representative

Representative Erin Shields said that she had to leave and would give a list of items to the Chair.

5. New Business

The Chair reported that there was no new business.

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

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Present:

Faculty: Brock, Fabien, Fearn-Banks, Schwartz

Members of Representative Groups: Collins, Shields, Perrin, Winans

Absent:

Faculty: Rasmussen, Stoelinga

President's Designee: Godfrey (excused)

Members of Representative Groups: Batie (excused)