

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Fabien called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of the minutes from April 4, 2007 and May 2, 2007.
 2. Provost Phyllis Wise—discussion of council activities for the 06-07 academic year
 3. Report from the ASUW
 4. New Business
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1. Approval of the minutes from April 4, 2007 and May 2, 2007.

Chair Fabien outlined some changes he made to the minutes from April 4th and May 2nd. He called for approval, and with no further comment, both sets of minutes were approved.

2. Provost Phyllis Wise—discussion of council activities for the 06-07 academic year.

Fabien began the discussion by introducing the Provost, Phyllis Wise. He explained that he had invited her to speak to the council about student issues raised by guest speakers brought to FCSA. Fabien began with the North of 45th Street issue. He noted that a committee had been formed and recommendations have been made, with some already in place. He asked the Provost for the Administration's position on other recommendations, like a combined UW and Seattle Police Department presence in the area. Vice-Provost for Student Life and council member, Eric Godfrey responded by saying that:

- All recommendations had been accepted in principle.
- A joint precinct is being pursued. Vicky Stormo, the UW Police Chief and Regional people are looking for a site for one.
- A key goal is acquiring property in the area, but they may rent for now
- A satellite fashion police presence should be in place no earlier than a year from now.
- Sex offender houses in the area are a serious concern and solutions are being aggressively pursued.
 - This issue requires a combination of buying property and changing State legislation
 - Current legislation has an 880 foot rule that pertains to schools, but not colleges; they would seek to include colleges and extend the limit to at least a mile

Godfrey told Fabien that he would speak with the police and get back to him on setting up a satellite police presence in the University district.

Council member Schwartz inquired about having more student centered activities on the main campus, such as concerts at the University or football stadium. Godfrey spoke about costs involved to fund such kinds of events. The discussion shifted to talk about costs and student fees. Key issues included:

- Rental fees are a huge obstacle for students
- Concern about asking students to fund Hall Health and security (not a standard practice)
- Finding ways to spare students the costs
- Student fees climbing over \$100 a quarter

Provost Wise pointed out that the UW is \$4,000 behind its peer institutions in State funding per student. She noted that more money would help on all issues.

The second topic raised was the issue of Holistic Review in the Admissions process. Godfrey summarized information about the incoming freshman class:

- The target is 5,300 freshman students, give or take 20.
- The Admissions Office used a more conservative strategy for admissions
- 200 students have been removed from the waitlist; the remainder will be told that if they have a second choice, they should look to it.

Fabien raised several issues brought to the council concerning the evaluators:

- There is a need to hire more
- There are issues about consistency
- There are issues about whether they are paid enough.
- It would be better to hire permanent staff for the job

Provost Wise responded by saying that the Holistic Review is in its second year, and that results show some consistency in evaluation. She noted that the first indicators of diversity in admissions suggest that it is good. She suggested that it could be difficult to hire permanent evaluators because the work is seasonal. Godfrey noted that he had heard from the Director of Admissions, Phil Ballinger, that there was a need for more evaluators and more space to house them. His office is looking into it.

The third topic introduced was the issue of childcare for student parents. Fabien inquired about a solution for the oversubscribed service. Provost Wise acknowledged that childcare is one of her most difficult issues. She noted that the demand is great and the waitlist is long. She explained about the prohibitive cost of running a daycare, and that currently, the University provides a referral consultant who identifies available daycare spaces. She agreed that the problem will only intensify. Council members discussed with the Provost some ideas for helping improve the situation. They included:

- Helping existing local daycare facilities with the cost of staffing and licensing.
- Targeting UW Campaign monies towards childcare
- Creating a co-op daycare on campus

Godfrey acknowledged that he sees a coalition that may turn into something like a co-op childcare. He described as a legitimate resource for students the current childcare vouchers that are available through the Financial Aid Office. Provost Wise noted that an

on site daycare has many costs, and that because co-ops rely upon parental support, it may be difficult to maintain strong parent participation year to year. It was also noted that licensing a daycare center would present difficulties and that the Husky Union Building (HUB) would be too prohibitively expensive to house childcare.

The fourth topic discussed was the issue of the HUB remodel. Godfrey stated that it was very exciting and very expensive. He suggested that the cost would be approximate to that of the University of Southern California's student union remodel which was \$125 million. He noted that the conceptual design should be available in two to three months and by next spring it would go to the Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) Fabien inquired:

- Will the costs for the HUB remodel be mostly funded by students?
- Will faculty (who benefit from HUB facilities) have to help pay for it?

Provost Wise suggested that the issue of students' funding the HUB remodel was related to the University's debt capacity. Council members praised the HUB committee's work, and the idea to create an assembly room for bringing people together.

The fifth topic introduced was Hall Health. Fabien began by noting that Hall Health is funded through student fees. He also outlined some areas of concern, such as issues with mental health care, the need for a state-of-the-art facility, and finding other means of funding it. Provost Wise noted the good collaboration between Hall Health, Harborview Medical Center, and the University of Washington Medical Center. She remarked that Hall Health was never intended for long-term patient care. She also noted that students will have five more visits there per year. In terms of the facility upgrade, Provost Wise replied that she has not yet seen a request for one.

Fabien noted a figure of \$6 million was given for upgrading Hall Health. Godfrey spoke about the student fees (up to 50%) going towards Hall Health, and how he is working with its Director, D.C. Dugdale, toward coordinating and leveraging resources. He noted the distinctions between Hall Health and Student Services and spoke about creating a joint Health and Wellness site using both his and Dugdale's staff.

Fabien expressed his concern about the high UW student-counselor ratio (1:2500) and the increase in mental health issues trends. Godfrey acknowledged the problem and said his office was looking for more resources for it. He also cautioned that it would be long-term in reaching the desired ratio of 1:1500. Provost Wise noted that the advisor ratio was not good either, but that there were some monies in the new budget for it.

Fabien remarked that the Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) department will be moving their offices out of Hall Health, thus providing more space. Provost Wise explained that all available space from EH & S will go to her office because there are so many cross-campus needs and she hasn't received a request from Hall Health. Fabien noted that Dugdale sees it as a student fees issue. Provost Wise spoke about the student fee issue, and noted that faculty and staff pay to use Hall Health.

Council members briefly talked about the importance of shared governance and how well it works.

3. Report from the ASUW

There was no report today.

4. New Business

Fabien asked council members to consider becoming the representative for the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics, and to contact him if they were interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Fabien, Fearn-Banks, Schwartz
 President's Designee: Godfrey
 Ex-Officio: Collins, Perrin

Absent: **Faculty:** Brock (excused), Rasmussen (excused), Stoelinga (excused)
 Ex-Officio: Shields, Batie, Winans