

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, November 7, 2007, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
36 Gerberding

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Philip Ballinger, Director of Admissions: Report on the 2007/08 admissions
2. Report from the Chair
3. Report from the ASUW representative
4. New Business

1. Philip Ballinger, Director of Admissions: Report on the 2007/08 admissions

Guest Philip Ballinger handed out several fact sheets on the 2007-08 freshman admissions figures for University of Washington, Seattle. The statistics cited included both two and four year transfer students. Student data was also broken down by ethnicity, number of students who applied, number offered admission, and the number enrolled. Data included the percentage of international students amongst the freshman class.

Ballinger described this year as a good, balanced year because the general number of students has increased and the number of underrepresented minorities has increased as well. He noted that the record enrollment for this year surpassed 40,000 total students enrolled. He discussed the retention rates amongst minority students and why the UW tends to lose solid students of ethnic background. Ballinger noted that the UW has seen an increase in the number of Hispanic-Latino students applying and yet a decrease in their enrollment numbers.

Chair Brian Fabien inquired about the consistency in the holistic admissions review process. Ballinger responded by noting a report by the Office of Educational Assessment on reader reliability that identified low scorers. He explained how they are noting the top 10 low scorers and are then having senior readers reread their applications. Ballinger emphasized that they are doing a lot of back reads and double checking to make certain the process is consistent. He explained why the UW uses graduate students as readers rather than external reviewers.

Ballinger was asked about the ethnic make-up of transfer students. He referred to a handout that displayed all two and four year transfer student percentages by ethnicity. He briefly discussed reasons behind the drop in the number of transfer students attending UW-Seattle. Some of the reasons cited involve the economy, the proportionality agreement, and the holistic review process. Ballinger noted how the proportionality agreement makes it difficult for four year transfer students to enter the UW, even if they are strong students because priority is given to community college students. Ballinger

touched on issues related to community college applicants, Running Start entrants, and trends for international students.

Ballinger discussed enrollment figures at UW-Bothell and UW-Tacoma campuses with handouts. He noted that if UW-Seattle takes too many transfer students it hurts UW-Bothell because of its close proximity. Ballinger also spoke about the proposed UW North campus and the trends for enrollments across the state.

2. Report from the Chair

Fabien updated council members on the recent Senate Executive Council meeting and the issues addressed at it. He noted that the President submitted a supplemental budget request to the Legislature that included monies for childcare, counseling support, and campus safety. He commented that he felt the council's meeting with the Provost was helpful.

Fabien identified three issues to look at this year:

1. The lack of housing. A representative from Housing and Food Services will address the council this year. Issues center on dorm rooms and the lack of available space.
2. Hall Health Center. Fabien noted that the health center is student funded and that the Provost stated monies are not in the university's budget for this. The Chair stated that this must be fixed and the council will address it this year.
3. Renovation of the Husky Union Building. He noted that a plan is in place to renovate the building for around 100 million dollars. The issue is about student fees and he noted that they have been asked to lower course fees.

3. Report from the ASUW representative

The new ASUW representative, Jenny Hahn, updated the council on student issues and events. She noted that the ASUW 2007-08 Legislative agenda is almost finished. She also noted the following ASUW issues:

- Student-parents and resources for them
- ASUW Senate supports the Dream Act: an effort to get undocumented students or their children full financial aid
- Keeping course fees and student fees down
- Tri-campus issues
- Campus safety
- Husky Pride Foundation which offers scholarships to underprivileged students to experience campus life

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes by Melissa Kane, Faculty Senate, mmkane@u.washington.edu, or 543-2884

Present: Faculty: Beringer, Fabien (Chair), Fearn-Banks, Rasmussen

Ex-Officio: Hahn, Perrin, Winans

Absent: **Faculty:** Schwartz (excused)
President's Designee: Godfrey (excused)
Ex-Officio: Collins, Miller