

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS  
WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2007 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
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The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of minutes from the 11/7/07 meeting.
  2. Paul Brown, Director of Housing and Food Services.
  3. Report from the Chair.
  4. Report from the ASUW representative.
  5. New Business.
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**1. Approval of minutes from the 11/7/07 meeting.**

Council members approved the minutes with one minor correction.

**2. Paul Brown, Director of Housing and Food Services.**

Paul Brown and Robert Lubin, the Director and Assistant Director of Housing and Food Services (HFS) spoke to the council today about the proposed strategic master plan for housing at UW-Seattle. Paul Brown cited several statistics about the scope of the services his organization provides for students: almost 28,000 meals are served daily; about 6,900 students are housed that include single, married, married with family, graduate and undergraduate students. Through a power point presentation Brown and Lubin addressed HFS's mission statement and the need for more housing for a growing student body.

Brown noted that HFS is self-sufficient in that it receives no State funds for operation. He spoke about the 2001 focus on "reinventing food for the university." Major renovation projects were undertaken for the Husky Den, McMahan Hall, and Lander Hall. Brown spoke about adding cafes and coffee shops and bringing in chefs to the campus in order to raise food service standards. The University of Washington is currently ranked as one of the top 25 food concerns in the nation.

Brown stated that the focus now is on housing. He noted the substantial growth in demand for housing and provided an overview of the "Residential Life Program." Brown described it as bringing the housing side of university life in with the academic side, to create "living-learning environments." There are 2,500 programs offered every year for students. Brown noted that the focus is to "help young people grow and have a good experience" in university living. He spoke about students making life long friends through their university housing experiences. Council member Carrie Perrin asked how HFS makes the links to these programs. Brown said that they contact them as well as use focus groups and surveys to find out students' interests.

Rob Lubin spoke next about HFS's proposed 15-20 year housing plan. He described the next phase as an opportunity to help the institution and to enhance the vitality of the

campus community. Lubin noted that they are hoping to be building green by 2030, meaning that all buildings would be carbon neutral.

Lubin outlined the current need for student housing:

- 5,100 residents reside in housing built for 4,500
- most buildings are almost 50 years old and need a lot of work,
- the UW houses only 16% of its student body while its peers house about 22%
- The City of Seattle has lost 6,300 rental units to condominium conversions

Lubin noted that UW charges about \$800 a month less for student housing than its peer institutions which leaves HFS with room to increase rents to help pay for the new housing unit. Presidential Designee Eric Godfrey noted that the Provost has said the conceptual design should focus on the west campus. Lubin described neighborhood groups as “keen” on having more student housing, which will have a six floor height limit and construction methods that are reasonably affordable. The implementation schedule is set for new construction to begin in fall 2011, and by 2015 they should be renovating existing residence halls. The complete project will create about 3,200 new beds and increase to 22% the percentage of UW students in residential housing.

Council members asked several questions concerning funding and how HFS will proceed. Brown responded by saying that they will float bonds that are paid through the revenue that comes from housing, catering, and conferencing. He noted that they will have to go through the agency that makes decisions on space allocation and talk with students to get their support. There was a brief discussion of potential properties on which they could build.

The Chair extended an invitation to bring these housing issues to the Provost’s office through FCSA.

### **3. Report from the Chair.**

There was no report today.

### **4. Report from the ASUW representative.**

There was no report today.

### **5. New Business**

Council members discussed issues of interest and concern. An issue raised was the gay, lesbian, and transgender community asking for gender neutral restrooms on the UW-Seattle campus. Godfrey suggested that this was an issue that the council could endorse. Other topics brought up were the new Director of Counseling and the Health and Wellness Program at Hall Health. It was suggested that perhaps these last two issues could be brought together, and they could invite the new Director to speak to the council.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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

**Present:** **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Fearn-Banks, Rasmussen, Schwartz  
**President's Designee:** Eric Godfrey  
**Ex Officio Reps:** Collins, Perrin

**Absent:** **Faculty:** Berninger (excused)  
**Ex Officio Reps:** Hahn, Winans (excused)