

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS  
THURSDAY, January 10, 2008 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
36 Gerberding

The Chair, Brian Fabien, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1. Approval of minutes from 12-5-07 meeting**
- 2. Report from the Chair**
- 3. Report from ASUW rep**
- 4. FCSA '08 agenda items**

\*\*\*\*\*

**1. Approval of minutes from 12-05-07 meeting**

The Chair, Brian Fabien, called for a motion to approve the December minutes. The call was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved with no comment.

**2. Report from the Chair**

Fabien reported that he will address the Senate Executive Committee next Monday and make a brief report on issues within FCSA, namely concerns with the north of 45<sup>th</sup> Street neighborhood, student counseling, and housing and food service. He also announced that he would like to set priorities for the remainder of the academic year and decide upon guest speakers to invite.

Fabien asked President's Designee Eric Godfrey to give the council an update on his work. On the north of 45<sup>th</sup> Street issue, Godfrey told the council that crime levels were down since last year and explained that this was probably due in part to both an increase in police presence and student leadership. He was asked about two separate student incidents, a student attack and an incident of student misconduct. Godfrey informed council members about the incidents and explained efforts being made to improve student safety.

When asked about gang activity, Godfrey told the council that gangs were not as present north of 45<sup>th</sup> St. He noted that the student conduct code is in place and it is a slow process that will take years to implement. When asked about sex offenders living near students, Godfrey explained the controversy surrounding the discovery of a concentration of level 2 and level 3 offenders living just north of 45<sup>th</sup> St. He described the Governor's and the University's response and explained how the current state law affects college students. Godfrey also described the ways in which students are being prepared for safety in orientation and quarterly emails.

**3. Report from ASUW rep**

The ASUW rep was not available to give a report.

**4. FCSA '08 agenda items**

The Chair introduced as an agenda topic the issue of student athletes, especially underrepresented minorities. He expressed concern about the large percentage of minority students on the football team and raised questions about the university's mission and whether it was helping these students, or not. Council members discussed this issue at length, addressing how other campuses view it, how it is perceived as a social justice issue, how the new NCAA standards are impacting incoming student athletes, how student athletes are effected by the increasing amount of money associated with college sports, and why private schools, like Duke, don't have similar problems.

Council members also discussed why few minority students take the SAT. Godfrey spoke about the Diversity Scholarship Program as a successful resource for high achieving minority students. Several names were suggested to the Chair as potential guests to address the issues surrounding student athletes.

Council member Virginia Berninger inquired about UW employees who do not need background checks and security concerns.

Eric Godfrey noted that he will send to the Chair the name of the new counseling Director, Dr. Ellen Taylor, as a guest speaker for a future meeting. For the next meeting, Godfrey noted that he will present with two Co-Chairs of the 45<sup>th</sup> St. committee on the student conduct north of 45<sup>th</sup> Street. He also requested to present to FCSA an update on student safety broadly defined and asked to invite the UW Chief of Police.

Council member Jeff Schwartz mentioned creating a Class C Resolution for the council to show support for what former UW Athletic Director Todd Turner had done for UW athletics. Fabien stated that he would forward the resolution to the council and mention it at the next Senate Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

*Minutes by Melissa Kane, Faculty Senate, [mmkane@u.washington.edu](mailto:mmkane@u.washington.edu) or 543-2884*

**Present:**       **Faculty:**   Berninger, Fabien (Chair), Schwartz

**President's Designee:** Godfrey

**Ex-Officio Reps:**   Perrin, Winans

**Absent:**       **Faculty:**   Fearn-Banks, Rasmussen

**Ex-Officio Reps:**   Collins (excused), Hahn (excused)