

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS  
TUESDAY, February 12, 2008, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
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Chair Brian Fabien called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1. Approval of minutes from the January 10, 2008 meeting.**
- 2. Report from the Chair**
- 3. Report from the Vice-Provost Eric Godfrey regarding “North of 45<sup>th</sup> Street”**
- 4. Report from the ASUW representative**

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**1. Approval of minutes from the January 10, 2008 meeting.**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. Report from the Chair**

Chair Brian Fabien noted that he will raise a couple of issues at the next Senate Executive Committee meeting, namely, the North of 45<sup>th</sup> Street issue concerning a joint UW-Seattle Police precinct, and the issue of football’s importance at the university. Council members discussed the issue of student athletes and the recent series in the Seattle Times. It was mentioned that the Faculty Athletic Representative, Pat Dobel, would be a good guest to invite in order to answer their questions concerning student athletes. Fabien noted that he would speak with Dobel and also ask him who else might be helpful in addressing the council’s concerns. Council member Jeff Schwartz handed out a list of frequently asked questions on the student athletic program. There was discussion about the effect the controversy is having on the reputation of UW. There was also a suggestion to bring in a student athlete to address the council

**3. Report from the Vice-Provost Eric Godfrey regarding “North of 45<sup>th</sup> Street”**

President’s Designee Eric Godfrey reported that he had recently met with UW President Mark Emmert. Godfrey updated the council on the recent student attacks off campus. He handed out a “Progress Report on Activity in the North of 45<sup>th</sup> Area,” and explained the context for university involvement in that area, as well as the strategies that are in place for improving the safety and quality of community life there. He noted that the period between autumn 2006 and autumn 2007 saw a significant drop in crime. Godfrey pointed to problems arising because there are about 6,000 students living off campus in the North of 45<sup>th</sup> area. There are also many rental houses with absentee landlords and out-of-control parties that attract non-students that create many of the problems associated with noise, vandalism, and physical assaults. He updated council members on 5 recent incidents off campus, noting that there was no pattern to the crimes.

Godfrey told council members that his office would be sending out a press release about the incidents later in the day, and that parents would also receive letters. Council member Edgar Winans offered the idea of having students with experience living near campuses

where crime is not uncommon, such as USC and University of Chicago, to speak to UW students about how they managed their safety. Godfrey offered the idea of purchasing property in the area to help revitalize it. Council members discussed at length the issue of student safety at UW and possible solutions to address the problems. Chair Fabien inquired if there would be more police presence in the area. Godfrey replied that the money was not available this year because it was being directed into the student mental health program in student life. He noted that it was a pipeline issue; there are fewer police officers available than needed. Council member Virginia Berninger asked about student perceptions. She noted that some of her students told her that they did not feel safe on campus. Godfrey noted that he will be discussing that issue with the Board of Regents.

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

There was no ASUW report today.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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

**Present:** **Faculty:** Berninger, Fabien (Chair), Fearn-Banks, Rasmussen, Schwartz

**President's Designee:** Godfrey

**Ex Officio Reps:** Collins, Perrin, Winans

**Absent:** **Ex Officio Reps:** Hahn