

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, June 4, 2008, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
239C Gerberding

Chair Brian Fabien called the meeting to order at 2:32pm.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Discussion with Provost Phyllis Wise
3. Report from the ASUW representative

1. Approval of minutes

The council approved two set of minutes as submitted.

2. Discussion with Provost Phyllis Wise

Chair Brian Fabien welcomed Provost Phyllis Wise to the meeting and began his annual report to the Provost regarding the issues addressed by the council.

North of 45th and Campus Safety

Chair Fabien began with issues regarding crime in the North of 45th neighborhood. He noted that the revisions to the student conduct code have improved student conduct in this area but wanted more information regarding how the administration plans to deal with non-student crime. Fabien hoped that a shared police facility would be located in this neighborhood to reduce crime and promote collaboration between the UWPD and the Seattle Police Department.

Provost Wise pointed out that although crime in any area is not good the UW campus is located in a large city and the North of 45th neighborhood is one of the safer parts of the city. She pointed out that further improvements should be made, specifically through education of the student population and an increase in police presence.

President's Designee Eric Godfrey added that the President's Advisory Committee continues to meet regarding this issue and further communication and education within the neighborhood has been encouraged along with a doubling of police presence. He acknowledged Fabien's idea of a joint station but added that the UWPD and SPD have different cultures and pay scales making a joint facility difficult. Godfrey added that the current UWPD station needs to be moved and updated, and he is hoping that a new station could be included in the plans to develop west campus.

Other improvements for campus safety include the 13 speakers installed across campus, the text messaging UW Alert system, and a more extensive plan to educate students and parents during orientation. There is also peer-to-peer education within orientation and ongoing throughout the year in the residence halls and houses north of 45th.

Communication between the UWPD and the SPD has also been improved and response time from SPD is now faster. The student counseling services will also be more involved with campus safety by identifying those students who are distressed and work with the UWPD.

Council member Jeffery Schwartz asked what the administration plans to do about alcohol abuse. President's Designee Godfrey told the council that he sends out several mailings to parents throughout the summer and one of these mailings addresses alcohol and substance abuse. He added that although the University does its best to educate students on alcohol and drug abuse, the focus needs to be on behavior and the Health and Wellness group will be working on this issue.

UW Police Chief Search

President's Designee Godfrey informed the council that from the nation-wide search four potential chiefs were invited to campus, two dropped out and after meeting and interviewing the remaining two candidates they decided to open up the search again for the best police chief possible. Currently they have found 60 new applicants and the emphasis is on senior level officers in comparable institutions who know how to interact with a student population. In the interim, Godfrey assured the council the UW is in good hands with the Interim Chief Ray Wittmier.

The council was further informed that the UWPD had been housed within the finance department under the guidance of the Vice President but now is part of the student life administration which is a much better fit. President's Designee Godfrey pointed out that the UWPD is there to help students and wants to be regarded as councilors and guardians of the student population.

Student Counseling

Chair Fabien shared that both DC Dougdale and Anil Coumar from Hall Health and Ellen Taylor from the Counseling Center met with the council and discussed the mental health system on campus. FCSA members agree that having two separate mental health centers is confusing for both parents and students. Chair Fabien asked what plans were in the works or what initiative is needed to streamline these two centers or combine them.

President's Designee Godfrey acknowledged that there have been serious conversations going on for months regarding mental health. He described Hall Health as using a medical model where primary care doctors refer students to mental health staff and MA level councilors. The Counseling Center offers PhD level psychologists that are trained to work with a student population. There have been discussions about bringing the two mental health facilities together to create a single portal where students could be properly triaged to one or the other location. Another challenge to both organizations is the lack of space. Both the Counseling and Mental Health Center have agreed to work on their referral system and will work on improving their communication this summer.

Godfrey answered questions regarding the elimination of the \$35 fee for students, affirming that the fee had been an impediment for students and was therefore eliminated.

This issue will be revisited in the future specifically because one of these units now has a fee and one does not. The Counseling Center will also be more prominent in Freshman Orientation to help make incoming students aware of the available options to them. Godfrey added that just this year a psychologist was placed in one of the residence halls to offer students an alternate way of accessing a mental health professional.

Student Athletes

Chair Fabien addressed the issue of student athletes and their admissions policies, specifically those athletes who wouldn't normally be admitted and need additional follow-up to ensure their success. He questioned whether or not these students should even be admitted. Provost Wise pointed out that through holistic review 15% of the student population wouldn't normally be admitted to the UW due to lower GPAs and SAT scores. These students are admitted because of the richness of their life experience which makes the admissions committee confident that they will succeed with help and increases the diversity of the university. She assured him that the UW would never accept any students who they thought would not succeed and would never commit the resources to push a student, no matter how outstanding of an athlete they are.

Fabien shared with the council that he was impressed by the amount of effort put forward to make sure all UW students succeed and graduate, not just athletes. Provost Wise added that the Students First scholarship has also helped add additional students to the University who would normally not be able to afford it, though she pointed out that admission is one thing and graduation is another. Godfrey also clarified that the 30 special athlete admissions are part of the 15% admitted through holistic review and all of these students are put in supportive environments with mentoring and advising and are encouraged to attend the Summer Bridge program. Fabien also mentioned that this sort of thing should be publicized because the perception is that special treatment is given to athletes when actually it is given to all students.

3. ASUW Report

ASUW representative Jenny Hahn introduced Phuong Nguyen as her replacement to the council. She also reported on the issues that the ASUW worked on this year including:

- Meeting with the Interim Police Chief to discuss rifles in Police Cars
- Husky Pride collection raising \$20,000 for student scholarships.
- Plans for scholarship matching should the organization raise \$100,000 by 2013.

President's Designee Godfrey also addressed how the Services & Activities Fee (SAF) committee recommended that the regents fund the redesign of the HUB, ECC and Hall Health building projects. He noted that after meeting with student leaders the administration has decided to hold back on this recommendation through the summer and work with the entities on different funding models. Chair Fabien expressed concern that Hall Health does not look like a medical clinic from a University which has a nationally ranked medical school. He added that the space needs to be improved and upgraded but it should be the administration's responsibility to fund this project. Provost Wise noted that this is now on the books and other funding, including private donors and the state,

will be approached. Chair Fabien also mentioned that if the facilities are aiding faculty perhaps the faculty should also help fund things.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Berninger, Fabien, Schwartz
 President's Designee: Godfrey
 Ex Officio Reps: Collins, Hahn, Perrin

Special Guests: Phuong Nguyen, Phyllis Wise

Absent: **Faculty:** Fearn-Banks, Rasmussen
 Ex Officio Reps: Miller, Winans