

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2008
HUB Room #304B

Chair Brian Fabien called the meeting to order at 2:34pm.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Report from Vice Provost Eric Godfrey
3. Report from the Chair
4. Report from the ASUW Representative
5. FCSA action items for the 08/09 academic year
6. New business

1. Approval of minutes

The council approved the minutes of the June 4, 2008, FCSA meeting.

2. Report from Vice Provost Eric Godfrey

Vice Provost Eric Godfrey distributed a handout profiling the autumn 2008 freshman and transfer class with regard to residency, gender, diversity, admit rates, comparative academic profile, transfers from community colleges and four-year colleges, and average transfer GPA. It is clear that the demand for enrollment at the UW is going up. The UW received 20,000 applications for 5,500 spots – resulting in the biggest, most diverse class in history. Bothell and Tacoma have met their enrollment objectives as well. There are challenges on the horizon for Tacoma and Bothell as a result of demographic forecasts, but for now they continue to build critical mass on each campus.

Godfrey then referred Council members to a handout illustrating the current plan for a significant increase in buildings that provide student housing on the southwest campus. It's an aggressive plan that would add 2500 more beds. 5,100 students are currently living in halls built to accommodate 4,200, and there are about 300 students on the waiting list. This means that many students are living in triple rooms and lounges that have been converted to dorm rooms for several students in one large space. In addition, increasing numbers of students are projected to be seeking on-campus housing in the future. To complicate the situation even further, several of the existing dorms are overdue for renovation. The plan would be to alternate building a new dorm with renovating an old one as funding allows. Final approval of the financing of this plan will go to the Board of Regents this spring.

Godfrey then reported on two searches being conducted by his office for key UW staff. The first is a national search for the director of Housing and Food Services. Godfrey's office has employed an outside search firm to help identify the very best candidates and to persuade them to consider leaving positions where they are enjoying successful careers to come to the UW. He anticipates interviewing candidates between Thanksgiving and winter break, with a selection being made around the first of the year.

His office is in the final stages of the search for a new Chief of Police. The first round of candidates did not come up with a fit for the UW, and the process was begun again. Three very promising candidates are now being interviewed and the selection should be made and announced within the next two to three weeks. He noted that very clear objectives have been drawn up for

the new Chief and this very complex organization, including increasing the visibility of officers on campus and in the surrounding community.

Godfrey reported on the status of the plan to renovate the Student Union Building (HUB). The planning (which has been in the works for the past three years) for this project has been jointly supported by administration and the Services and Activities Fees Committee (SAFC). The students have reviewed three pre-design options and have chosen the most expensive. Administration's initial reaction was to be concerned about the prospect of doubling the fees charged to all students by SAFC. Since then, plans for raising revenues from sources not previously considered have been under consideration. All are committed to finding ways to create a better and more attractive community through the HUB and student housing efforts.

In response to a question from the Chair about safety at the fraternities and sororities, Godfrey addressed the Council about the ways his office has been working with Greek system houses and the community in general north of 45th to improve student safety. The most important aspects of this effort has been increasing the police presence in the area and educating students about safety whenever the opportunities for learning present themselves. Greek system houses are being asked to undergo thorough safety inspections. Alumni and student leaders are being engaged to look again at the use of alcohol on campus and north of 45th.

Godfrey mentioned the problem with absentee landlords and mentioned that there's a City Council bill that would require every property to be inspected yearly in order for a landlord to retain his or her rental license. Not surprisingly, the Council has met with much resistance from landlords and real estate associations. Godfrey would like to see a time when the UW could start buying houses north of 45th, renovating them, and selling them to faculty on the "Stanford model" whereby the UW retains ownership of the ground while the faculty member buys the house. When the faculty member is ready to move on, the UW would buy the house back and sell it to another faculty member.

In response to another question from the chair, Godfrey updated the Council on the status of sex offenders living in close proximity to sorority houses. This is still the case. Those offenders who were under active supervision were asked to leave, but their places were taken with ex-sex offenders who are not currently under active supervision. Although it just takes one incident to change the nature of conversations like these, so far there has been no record of any problem involving a UW student with these neighbors.

Finally, Godfrey reported that he had just hired an addictive behaviors expert on his staff who will be re-designing alcohol education programs on campus -- especially in the dorms and the Greek system houses.

3. Report from the Chair

Chair Fabien asked for volunteers for the Student Activities and Fees Committee. This is an extremely important Committee that makes recommendations on the allocations of millions of dollars for projects and buildings -- including Hall Health Center, recreational sports programs and the HUB renovation. This committee is completely student-run, and most of the members are students. There is a provision for two faculty members, and those two slots have not been filled in the past few years. Both Fabien and Godfrey emphasized how important the faculty perspective is with the amount of money involved.

4. Report from the ASUW Representative

Phuong Nguyen reported that the ASUW is still in the process of setting up business for the academic year. They met on Monday with students from the Bothell and Tacoma campuses and have been in meetings about health care reform.

Both Fabien and Godfrey emphasized that this (health care) should be a focus of Council concern this year in light of the current financial situation. Students should not have to choose between books and going to the doctor. Godfrey reported that a new working group has been assigned to look at the current student insurance plans and the situation with uninsured students attending the UW under the Husky Promise program. If there are ways that benefits for student health can be expanded, these will be actively explored and implemented wherever possible. Marketing of student benefits will also be a very important part of the working group's mandate.

5. FCSA action items for the 08/09 academic year

Chair Fabien will work on implementing the following Agenda for the academic year:

- Next meeting: Kay Lewis, Director of Student Financial Aid.
- December meeting: Phil Ballinger, Director of Admissions.

Winter and Spring Quarters:

- Dr. David Dugdale, Director, Hall Health Center, re. health issues.
- Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics presentation.
- Ed Taylor (and possibly Todd Mildun) re. access to majors.
- Dyane Haynes, Director, Disability Resources for Students, re. processes for accommodations to students with disabilities and how to document disabilities.

6. New business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

*Minutes by Susan Folk
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Present: **Faculty:** Berninger, Burke, Fabien, LeVeque, Rocap
 President's Designee: Godfrey
 Ex Officio Reps: McKinstry, Nguyen, Perrin

Absent: **Faculty:** Poovendran, Schwartz (excused)
 Ex Officio Reps: Miller, Winans (excused)