

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009  
GERBERDING HALL #36

Chair Brian Fabien called meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Discussion with Provost Phyllis Wise
  - a. Campus safety/North 45<sup>th</sup> Street
  - b. Student financial aid
  - c. Student athlete exit survey
2. Report from the Chair
3. New business
  - a. Bothell/Tacoma students
    - i. Access to Seattle campus facilities
    - ii. Access to Seattle campus courses

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**1. Discussion with Provost Phyllis Wise**

Chair Brian Fabien welcomed Provost Phyllis Wise to the FCSA meeting. He noted that he invites her to attend one meeting per year and indicated the Provost would be reporting on three topics: campus safety including the area north of 45<sup>th</sup> street, student financial aid and the student athlete exit survey.

Provost Wise informed the Council that President Emmert created a “north of 45<sup>th</sup> group” to increase awareness and make the neighborhood safer. She stated that although the measures have proven to be helpful, it may appear that the incidence of criminal activity has increased. This is not the case and actually is an outcome of the University’s increased criminal activity reporting system which is now reaching a broader audience. Statistics show that the crime rate has actually decreased in that area. This is a great improvement and Wise thanked Godfrey for his hard work in that neighborhood and on “the Ave” as well. Godfrey informed the Council that there is an increased police presence in both areas and he is optimistic that the situation will continue to improve.

With regard to student financial aid, the Provost informed the Council that the UW took a great loss in state funding for the upcoming biennium. She was pleased to report that in light of those cuts, the UW will be able to continue financial aid funding to students at the same level or perhaps increased levels due to receipt of funding levels in Pell Grant awards. She noted that the number of students who qualify for the Husky Promise will increase from 5580 to 7800 students. She reported a 15% increase for UW students asking for aid and she believes we will meet the need for all of the students. Wise stated that the UW will be able to reach a significant number of families who have reduced income due to changes in employment circumstances. Godfrey noted that if a family’s employment situation changes they have the option to apply to the financial aid office for a redetermination.

Wise indicated that the University is planning long term goals for financial aid in the coming years and believes the UW will continue to be able to provide as much support as it is currently. She pointed out we are still the lowest in tuition costs among peer universities in light of the 14% tuition increase that will be implemented in each of the next two years. There is a proposal in front of the Board of Regents to increase out of state tuition as well. She feels having a significant number of out of state students is good for diversity; however, the UW wants to remain the preeminent state research institution for our local residents.

There was some discussion on the UW Honors Program and its direction under Ed Taylor. Berninger encouraged the Provost to grow that program for recruitment purposes. Wise informed the Council that it is this university's great hope to get a donor to endow the program to turn it into an honors college. She noted that there are universities that charge extra fees for the honors classes, however the UW does not.

Wise spoke on the topic of the Student Athlete Exit Survey and felt it is a good measurement of student athletes. Chair Fabien asked the Provost to find a way to continue funding the survey. The Provost stated she would consider it but advised the Council that the funding for the report would most likely have to come from Athletics as they are a self-sustaining department. She suggested Athletics could compile the results every other year in an effort to decrease the cost to that department.

## **2. Report from the Chair**

Chair Fabien reported to the Council that the SEC meeting was mainly about the fallout from the budget. He discussed the tuition increases over the next two years and that most departments are dealing with 8-10% budget cuts. He informed the FCSA that there are some bridge funds being applied to department budgets in an effort to keep the TA positions intact. Along with the tuition increases, the UW is considering applying an activity-based budgeting model in the future to help defray the reduction in state funds. The Council had a short discussion on staffing issues in the financial aid department and the discontinuation of the foreign language requirement for students.

## **3. New Business**

Chair Fabien gave a brief report on facility access issues for Bothell and Tacoma campus students. He noted these students are not able to access the IMA. Godfrey confirmed and stated that since those students don't pay the additional facility fee that the Seattle campus students pay, they are denied access.

Additionally, Perrin informed the Council that Bothell and Tacoma students have to wait to register in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period for Seattle courses, which can cause limited or no availability for popular courses. She feels the process is cumbersome and believes a change in that process is coming in the near future.

With regard to capital planning, Godfrey informed the Council that a master plan for constructing four new dormitory buildings in the West Campus has just been approved and that the decision for the HUB renovation is on the horizon.

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Chair Fabien adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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Present: Faculty: Berninger, Fabien, LeVeque, Rocap, Schwartz  
President's Designee: Godfrey  
Ex-Officio Reps: McKinstry, Osborn, Perrin, Winans  
Guest: Wise  
Absent: Faculty: Burke, Poovendran  
Ex Officio Reps: Miller, Nguyen