

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009
GERBERDING HALL #36

Chair Brian Fabien called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) UW Application/Admissions/Enrollment Results 08/09 (Philip Ballinger)
- 2) Chair's Report
- 3) ASUW/GPSS Report.
- 4) Approval of Minutes from the November Meeting
- 5) New Business

1. UW application/admissions/enrollment results 08/09

Ballinger began his presentation with the distribution of a handout, titled "Freshman and Transfer Statistics for the Seattle campus, Autumn Quarter 2009." He gave an overview of the University's application statistics. He noted that there has been a sharp increase in the number of applications from non-resident and international students. FCSA discussed the application statistics and the fact that the UW's Seattle campus is overenrolled. FCSA members noted the gender imbalance in the 2009 freshman class (54.7% Women vs. 45.3% Men). Ballinger stated that this is a long-term trend in American higher education.

Ballinger mentioned that one especially unusual aspect of a singular admissions year was a decrease in the admit rate for African Americans. This may be because it was a competitive year, because OMA&D scholarships were cut, or because the selective private schools were especially aggressive with their admissions and financial aid strategies last year.

FCSA reviewed the source of last year's applications. It is clear there is strong interest in the UW among international students, especially among Chinese and Korean students.

Council members reviewed the majors most requested by applicants, noting that Business Administration is the most requested.

Council members discussed the Freshman Factoids, the number of applicants with 4.0 GPAs, and the number of incoming freshmen who qualify for the Husky Promise program.

FCSA discussed the transfer student statistics. Ballinger pointed out that we have met the proportionality goal of 30% over the past 5 years (over 30% of all new undergraduates yearly at UW have been transfer students from Washington community colleges). Ballinger noted that the branch campuses admit a much higher percentage of transfer students than the Seattle campus.

FCSA engaged in a discussion on how to estimate the available pool of qualified African American students in Washington State.

Ballinger provided insight into the holistic review process. Each application is read as a whole and assessed holistically. Each application is read by two or three readers. The process is very labor intensive.

Chair Fabien asked for more information on how applicants are waitlisted. FCSA discussed how applications are evaluated and whether being a legacy or child of a faculty or staff member is an advantage.

The Council discussed whether or not giving preference to legacies is good policy. It was noted that this is fairly standard practice at the private universities and colleges.

FCSA discussed the academic support services available to students at CLUE (Center for Learning and Undergraduate Enrichment) and OMA&D's Instructional Center (IC). Godfrey suggested that FCSA take a "field trip" to the IC.

Schwartz asked if there are any plans to drop the SAT as an admissions requirement. Ballinger replied that there are no plans to do this at the moment. He noted that tests are useful when there is a lot of variation in the curriculum taken by applicants in high school. FCSA discussed whether there has been an increase in applicants taking the SAT many times to improve their scores and whether admissions staff have seen an increase in "essay doctors" and private admissions coaches and counselors. Ballinger stated that the UW holds students accountable for their senior year and that they review all of the students' SAT scores.

FCSA discussed the admissions process for athletes, focusing on the special admit and priority admit designations. Ballinger stated that 30 students were admitted as special admits and 70 were admitted as priority admits. These students have access to a significant amount of academic support and resources. Ballinger noted that any policy that applies to student athletes also applies generally to all students. He suggested that a truly superb musician, supported by the School of Music for example, could gain admission to the UW as a special or priority admit.

FCSA discussed the University's future admissions strategies. The UW has not recruited very actively out of state, for example, but this is likely to change. Although the institution places great value on serving residents, the University is also interested in geographic diversity and international students.

Chair Fabien thanked Ballinger for his time, dedication, and expertise.

2. Chair's Report

Chair Fabien did not have any announcements or updates.

3. ASUW/GPSS Report

Padvorac provided information on ASUW's early December Legislative Reception. Students will have the opportunity to reach out to legislators and voice their concerns about additional budget cuts. He also provided an update on upcoming ASUW legislation that will focus on the "U District Defenders" and Provost Wise's recent appointment to the Nike Board.

Martin announced that GPSS has been surveying graduate students to gather their input on the state budget cuts. She updated the Council on the status of the proposed \$75 graduation fee for graduate students. The issue has been tabled until January, 2010.

In response to Schwartz's questions regarding maternity/paternity leave and whether Fellowships are taxable, Martin reported that the issue of maternity/paternity leave was considered in 2007. This year, the issues of funding and budget cuts have taken priority. Vice President Sarah Reyneveld is looking into the Fellowships and taxes issue.

Approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting were approved.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

Chair Fabien adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Bailkin, Schwartz, LeVeque, Poovendran, Burke
President's Designee: Godfrey
Ex-Officio Reps: McKinstry, Perrin, Padvorac, Martin
Guests: Philip Ballinger

Absent: **Faculty:** Berninger, Rocap
Ex Officio Rep: Miller, Winans