

Faculty Council on Student Affairs
Tuesday, June 1, 2010
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Meeting Synopsis

1. A discussion of issues related to the Intelligence Officer Training Program

Professor Stephen E. Hanson
Vice Provost for Global Affairs

Dr. Jeffrey Kim
Director of INSER

2. Approval of minutes from the April meeting
3. ASUW/GPSS report.
4. Report from the chair.
5. New business.

Call to Order

The meeting started at 1:32 PM.

Items Discussed

Issues Related to the Intelligence Officer Training Program

Chair Fabien began the discussion by noting that Professor Christoph Giebel had raised concerns with the implementation of an Intelligence Officer Training Program (IOTC), specifically with how this could affect UW students while traveling abroad.

Dr. Jeffrey Kim, Director of the Institute for National Security Education and Research (INSER), explained his role with INSER, the history and funding of INSER, and the various focuses of the institute, noting that the primary focus here is the study of social media.

Professor Stephen Hanson, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, said that study-abroad funding was provided by a government grant from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) through INSER. There was concern that if the INSER label was put on students who were traveling through areas such as the Middle East and Central Asia, it could be dangerous to the students. This danger could come either from being listed, because they could be assumed to be involved in intelligence activities, or from not being listed, which could raise suspicions and still cause danger. In the end, ROTC students used the funding in South Korea, which solved the problem, as they are already involved in Defense activities and were traveling to an ally of the United States.

Hanson noted that the larger question of INSER and funding was vetted by the Faculty Council on Research, which found nothing unusual. The questions have basically been resolved, and INSER is not IOTC. IOTC is not run at the University, and the only real connection that INSER has to intelligence recruitment is a workshop where student participants can hear about opportunities.

Fabien noted that in a broader context, there is no desire to prevent faculty from doing scholarly work and getting funded by any agency, but there is a question about who is responsible for saying yes or no to the establishment of IOTC at UW.

Hanson said that ultimately it is the Provost, in conjunction with faculty councils and the Faculty Senate, who would make the decision.

Fabien said that perhaps a clear statement from the University was needed saying that we won't be involved in certain activities, and that it needs to be part of the discussion with faculty. Hanson added that in such a statement, it would be necessary to specifically address guidelines on the different elements of this kind of funding, such as the federal government, intelligence agencies, study-abroad issues, officer training for undergraduates, etc. Fabien said he had no issue with faculty getting CIA funding for research, but things become more complicated when students are involved and identities kept secret.

Kim reiterated that INSER has nothing to do with IOTC, and that INSER's involvement in one part of a program (i.e., the Intelligence Community's Centers of Academic Excellence Program) doesn't mean it has to be engaged in all of the activities specified.

The council discussed issues of grant funding across the University with regard to IOTC. It was noted that FCSA's concerns of student study abroad being addressed, and with no IOTC program currently on campus, the relevant issues have been addressed.

Approval of April 6, 2010 Minutes

The April 6, 2010 minutes were approved.

ASUW Report

Padvorac said that the ASUW Board of Directors is getting ready for the transition to new officers and wrapping up their work, and noted that the new ASUW representative on the council would be Jed Bradley.

GPSS Report

Martin said that GPSS is preparing for their relocation to Condon Hall.

New Business

Fabien said the council would forward on to the Senate their endorsement of the Husky Principles. A council member said that the Principles were great, but seem relevant beyond just students. The council agreed to change the endorsement to "The FCSA support the adoption of the UW Husky Principles as a set of ideals that embody what it means to be a member of the UW community."

The council had a brief discussion on the membership of the council for 2010-11.

A report from the Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) was given. It was noted that student athletes have a student handbook, which is a project that could be adopted for the entire student body. Student-athletes, however, have additional requirements and responsibilities, not only to comply with student affairs but also the athletic program.

The COIA, Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics, is an alliance of faculty senates. The ACIA made a recommendation for UW to be a part of it. The COIA is calling for more openness with regard to intercollegiate athletics. UW already subscribes to the principles laid out by the COIA, but there are questions about whether it agrees with the exact wording. The idea is to come up with a similar document that describes what UW is doing.

The ACIA will also have a report on travel time by sport. This also led to a brief discussion among FCSA members about missing classes because of travel time for sports, and the upcoming 2010 football game that will take place on a Thursday night.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 2:44 p.m.

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Present: Faculty: Fabien (Chair), Burke, LeVeque, Poovendran, Schwartz
Ex-Officio Reps: McKinstry, Padvorac, Martin, Perrin
Guests: Stephen Hanson, Jeffrey Kim

Absent: Faculty: Bailkin, Berninger, Rocap
President's Designee: Godfrey
Ex Officio Rep: Winans