

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
Tuesday, November 2, 2010
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Student Health and Wellness
 - 3) A discussion of issues related to undergraduate admissions.
Philip Ballinger, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Enrollment, Admissions
 - 4) ASUW report.
 - 5) Approval of minutes from the October meeting
 - 6) Report from the chair
 - 7) Adjournment
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1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

2) Student Health and Wellness

The news of a recent student death led to a brief discussion about student health and wellness issues. Visits have been made with deans and dozens of academic departments to talk about health and wellness, including information on recognizing signs of problems. Large numbers of students have been reaching out to mental health counselors on campus. Anxiety, depression, and financial and family worries are common causes of concern for students, and more widely publicizing available resources has led to a rise in scheduled counseling appointments to deal with these types of issues.

3) A discussion of issues related to undergraduate admissions

Philip Ballinger, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, presented data on the new freshman class (Exhibit A, attached). After reviewing the numbers presented, the council touched on a number of issues related to admissions:

- *Diversity*: African-American enrollment has rebounded sharply to the second highest number since the passage of Initiative-200. American Indian numbers have also sharply increased, and Hispanic/Latino numbers continue to increase, to 6.5% of the freshman class. Less than 3% of students choose not to specify a race. Nonresidents make up 26.9% of the freshman class, compared to 20% of the total campus enrollment. Women comprise 53% of the freshman class, men 47%.

UW is increasing its proportion of first-generation college students and underrepresented minorities, and there are more Pell Grant eligible students. With holistic review, UW is seeing an uncommon progression in strengthening academic profiles as well as increasing diversity.

- *Test score anxiety*: Ballinger said that the holistic review process doesn't attempt to make an admissions equation out of test scores and GPA, and that test scores represent a range. The most important factors are rigor of curriculum in the context of what was available, then GPA, then test scores. Since the implementation of holistic review, they have been pressing the importance of curriculum rigor and the senior year, which has had positive effects in high schools.

- *Resident/Nonresident tuition:* For all three campuses combined, nonresidents comprise 16% of the undergraduate enrollment and pay 35% of the tuition. The recognized cost per student is about \$16,000. Residents pay \$8000 and nonresidents pay \$24,000.
- *International applications:* Nearly all of the application growth has come from out of state, and the number of international applications has especially risen, particularly from China. An international student's GPA is difficult to quantify, but their SAT scores tend to be high, particularly in math.
- *Advanced Placement:* More students (including those from disadvantaged backgrounds) are taking courses and exams, which is good for university preparation. Whether through AP, Running Start, or other programs, the important thing for prospective students is to take rigorous courses when given the opportunity, especially in the senior year.
- *Changes to Admissions Process for 2011 incoming class:* The process has been changed so that admissions decisions will no longer be sent out on a rolling basis, which caused anxiety among applicants (some 30,000 phone calls to the office each year.) Instead, all decisions will be sent out together, and the application deadline has been moved up to give the admissions office more time.
- *Special Admissions* – The special and priority admissions are basically for athletes and the numbers have not changed. There are no early decision admissions at UW.
- *Future Class Profiles* – Ballinger said that UW has basically committed to supporting 4000 freshman residents each year, and that they've been talking about growing the freshman class to 6000 over time, with the growth coming from nonresident students. One challenge is the low yield for accepted nonresident students, partially due to the lack of financial aid, so increasing the freshman class size requires an increase in applications.
- *Geographic Class Profile* – Most nonresident students come from California, then Oregon, then Hawaii. No recruiting is done internationally and limited recruiting is done on the west coast. Resident students tend to come from the I-5 corridor.
- *Holistic admissions process* – One theme that ran through the discussion was the high quality of students who are applying to UW and the minute distinctions between students who are near the admission cut-off line. Ballinger said that while holistic admissions is a better and more fair process than the previous academic index system, one unfortunate side effect is that it is less transparent.

4) ASUW report.

Bradley said the ASUW Student Senate passed a resolution in support of a universal U-Pass, which would require all students to purchase the pass. The Student Transportation Task Force polled 14,000 people at the university, and 79% of all student respondents were in favor of the universal model. Other options were a transportation fee plus optional U-Pass, or scrapping the whole program. The U-Pass cannot be required of faculty and staff.

Another project he is working on is the guidelines on in-class presentations, in conjunction with the Faculty Council on Academic Standards. It will be distributed through a variety of means, and the Student Senate is looking at a resolution in support of the guidelines.

ASUW is looking into starting a food co-op on campus as a new enterprise. The goal would be to sell local, organic, and sustainable food. Current factors under consideration are how to work with Housing and Food Services, where to locate the enterprise, and whether to have a cart or a fixed location.

Bradley was asked how students are dealing with the loss of the HUB. He said it has been difficult, since the HUB closure meant the loss of 200,000 SF of meeting space area, and added that the Ethnic Cultural Center is also closing for remodel, meaning that even more student groups will have to find new space to meet. It's difficult to find space for programs, events, and club meetings. HFS is planning to implement new fees for use of space that would be very steep for student groups, so he has written a position paper to ask them to suspend rate increases for student groups until the HUB is reopened.

5) Approval of minutes from the October meetings

The minutes of the October 5, 2010 meeting were approved without changes.

6) Report from the chair.

Fabien brought up the issue of extending voting rights to ex-officio members of the council. The council voted to request that the Senate Executive Committee extend voting rights to all ex-officio members.

Fabien also said that in an upcoming FCSA meeting, they would have an informal discussion on the role of athletics on campus.

7) Adjournment

The meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.

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Present: Faculty: Fabien (Chair), Berninger, Schwartz, LeVeque, Burke, Bailkin

President's Designee: Godfrey

Ex-Officio Reps: Bradley

Guests: Philip Ballinger

Absent: Faculty: Poovendran

Ex-Officio Reps: Perrin, McKinstry

Exhibit A -- Summary Results for 2010 Entering Class

- The freshman class enrollment goal was 5,500. We enrolled **5,497** (a variance of 5/100th of a percent from goal) – 150 students more than last year
- The academic profile of the freshman class continues to improve:
 - We received nearly **23,000** applications – a **7.4%** increase over last year
 - The majority -- **53%** -- of our freshman class applications were from out-of-state
 - **1,307** of our applicants had perfect 4.0 GPAs and **12** had perfect 2400 SATs
 - **1,011** of the incoming class participated in Running Start
 - The admit rate decreased from 57.7% to **56.7%**
 - The GPA for the freshman class is **3.73** compared to 3.72 last year
 - SAT scores increased once again from 1790 to **1802** (CR+M+W) and from 1208 to **1213** (CR+M)
- **29%** of the incoming freshmen would be the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree compared to 28% last year.
- The proportion of underrepresented students has increased from last year. Underrepresented minority students comprised 10.94% of last year's class and comprise **12.07%** of the this year's class. We saw particularly large increases in Native American and Hispanic/Latino student numbers.
- We enrolled **1,308** students this fall from two-year colleges and an additional **315** from four-year colleges

Of the 5,497 freshmen, 4,017 are resident students and 1,480 are non-residents (564 intl. and 916 domestic). The non-res. students make up 26.9% of the frosh class.

While the results are good, I continue to be concerned about the eroding of our domestic non-resident student admit-to-enroll yield rate. This autumn it was 18.5% compared to 19.3% last year and 20.3% two years ago.

The international freshman admit-to-enroll yield this year was 35.1% compared to 37.9% last year and 34.3% two years ago.

The resident frosh admit-to-enroll yield this year was 62.8% compared to 61.0% last year and 63.4% two years ago.

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