

University Of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., October 4, 2011
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Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2011 meeting
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Campus Renovations
- 4) UW Police Headquarters Relocation
- 5) Sodexo Update
- 6) Report from Chair
- 7) New Business - Recruitment for additional Council members
- 8) Adjournment

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fabien at 1:35 PM.

Approval of the minutes from the June 7, 2011 meeting

There was a lack of quorum, so the minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting were not able to be approved.

Reports and Business Items

1. Introductions / Freshmen Statistics

Fabien briefly discussed role of council serving as advocates for students, to ensure that university policies and practices enhance university experience. The presidential designee will be Lincoln Johnson, Associate Vice President of Campus Life, but past designee Godfrey will continue attending meetings. Godfrey explained that the council also advocates for student life, and has been helpful in supporting the residence hall master plan, the HUB, hall health, and other key initiatives.

Godfrey provided some statistics for the new freshman class at the University of Washington:

- Largest freshman class ever: 5,800 students
- Increased number of 33% nonresident students, but 3,850 are state residents
- Despite this, considering transfer students as well, 80% of undergraduates are state residents
- An average GPA of 3.75
- There were 25,000 applications during this year, up from 15,000 five years ago
- 30% of the freshman class are the first in their families to go to college, 25% come from low income families, and 40% are students of color
- Residence halls are at 110% occupancy; 800 students are in triple rooms and temporary living arrangements which have been made rather than denying housing to students
- Freshmen living in university owned, operated, or recognized residences number about 6,000 students and make up 90% of their class compared to those living off-campus and living in sororities and fraternities

- 6,000 people attended the Freshmen Convocation, up from 5,500 the prior year and welcome picnic with President Young, with attendance increasing from 1,000 to 1,500.

2. Campus Renovations

Godfrey provided updates on the Hub project, which is on-time and under-budget, opening at the beginning of the 2012 academic year. It is a \$100 - \$125 million dollar project, funded entirely by self-imposed student fees. The original outside of the building was preserved, but the rest is very different. Hall Health renovation is nearly complete, smaller and costing around \$14 million, with an opening ceremony on the 14th of October. Student Life is promoting more utilization of Hall Heath, subsidy of sorts to students, and faculty and staff use helps keep cost of services to students to be lower. The Ethnic Cultural Center renovation, also funded by student fees, is lagging a bit due to design challenges in saving and re-inserting heritage murals into the new facility. This is a smaller project, however important.

The Housing Master Plan will cost about \$800 million through issued debt to be repaid through student fees over the next 30 years, building 6 new residence halls west of campus and renovation for all other halls. The initial phase is building four new residence halls, of which two are finished and open this fall: Poplar and Cedar Hall; the next two are on-time and under budget, opening next fall. Mercer Hall was knocked down and is being rebuilt, finishing in 1 – 2 years. Terry and Lander Halls will be destroyed and new facilities will be built, after experts determined it would be less expensive to rebuild than to renovate these facilities, saving the University money and increasing student housing there. The challenge is to keep net bed value close to even during construction and renovations in order to finance construction while attending student demand. So far this is going well. Every several months, Student Life returns to the Board of Regents to provide updates, called “off-ramps”, on prevailing economic conditions, demand, and etc. to provide the opportunity to delay building, not build a facility now, or go forward. Each meeting has resulted in “full speed ahead” diagnosis.

3. UW Police Headquarters Relocation

Godfrey discussed relocation of the UW Police Headquarters, which is currently located on Boat Street, in an old building at the edge of campus. Godfrey was motivated to find a more functional and mentioned consideration of either relocating to North of 45th Ave NE or near the West side of campus, to have a deterring presence. There are a total of 3-4 potential sites to be investigated through a committee with University architects. This would not be a small area as it would require space for holding cells and parked cars. UW has been given funds to mitigate the impact of I-520 reconstruction, through creation of a public park near the bridge, and relocation of police headquarters. Money was the real motivator for Police Headquarters construction at this time.

Fabien stated that there are a few items of concern to the council, specifically the location of the new headquarters: whether to locate on or off-campus. Benefits of being off-campus would be to improve presence throughout areas where students live (new west campus, and non-UW student housing north of 45th Ave), but would potentially expose police to more non-University issues and confuse citizens about jurisdiction. Having the new headquarters located on-campus would provide opportunities to

have outreach to students and not solely be present for enforcement but trade-off to be taking up space within the academic core. Berninger mentioned that incoming students are concerned about crime incidents, and the council briefly brought up Night Walk and Night Ride are services available for students in the evening.

4. Sodexo Update

Godfrey gave background on a work group to investigate alleged abuses of human rights and laws by Sodexo (Sodexo Due Diligence Working Group), the University's food services contractor at venues, formed by then-Interim President Wise. After convening regularly, findings are to be released soon. The work of this body focused whether there were reasons for UW to pull out of current contract. Student groups (United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS)) have been pushing to terminate the contract, but the University of Washington needed to do its own independent evaluation. Sodexo's contract expires this year and Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) has requested bid proposals upon termination of this contract. Students apparently did not like way the workgroup was formed, preferred other faculty although choices came from deans, and declined to take part in the process. The request was put out a month ago, with a 90 day wait period.

Ann Anderson, Associate Vice President and Controller will arrange for students ASUW and GPSS to have access to catalyst tool to comment on bids. When Support Analyst Freistadt brought up ASUW's current efforts to provide feedback on corporate citizenship expectations on bids, Godfrey emphasized the importance of understanding legal implications to not jeopardize prospective bids. Godfrey unsure about whether proposals are public as bids cannot have references to specific companies. He noted additionally that contracts are not evaluated just by cost but corporate citizenship as well. Fabien believes students are right to seek involvement, but questioned on how to do this in an efficient and effective manner. Council was unsure how to ensure student opinion is part of the decision-making process, and noted that Evan Smith, ASUW vice president (who is absent at this meeting) should have a conversation with Eric Godfrey and Ann Anderson.

5. Chair Report

Fabien was present at committee to revise the student conduct code revision. He clarified that the language for this code may not be for students, the committee is seeking out appropriate frameworks for students and faculty to use in revision of this code. Meetings have been held since January, and Fabien would like to have an update from Elizabeth Higgins. Ambitious changes were suggested and lawyers are looking into the matter, there is still a need to redline the old and new to show corresponding parts. He remarked that this could require "finessing" to get through Faculty Senate, although there are more students than faculty on the committee. He believes that people will be happy with the outcome, WSU has an easy to interpret student conduct code, but University of Washington's is more difficult to interpret. The council could discuss this in December.

6. New Business – Recruitment for Additional Council members

The Council briefly discussed increasing membership, as there was a low number of faculty present and was unable to achieve quorum for this meeting. Secretary of Faculty will do outreach for additional member for this faculty council.

Adjournment

Chair Fabien adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Minutes by Jay Freistadt, Faculty Council Support Analyst. jayf@u.washington.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Berninger
 President's Designee: Godfrey
 Ex-Officio Reps: Christenberry, Jones Wiles
 Guests: Jim Gregory

Absent: **Faculty:** Bailkin, Burke, Schwartz
 Ex Officio Rep: Evan Smith, GPSS representative