

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
February 7, 2012
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Gerberding Hall 36

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Update from Phil Ballinger, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment
 - 3) UWPD Station Relocation
 - 4) Approval of Minutes
 - 5) ASUW Report
 - 6) Student Conduct Code
 - 7) Adjournment
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Fabien at 1:31 p.m.

2. Update from Phil Ballinger, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment

Phil Ballinger, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment, presented materials that are distributed to High School counselors. Last year was a particularly difficult for resident admissions as a larger number applied and the University cut the number of in-state slots. A very important number for enrollment is the admission to enrollment yield. These yields vary greatly among different demographics as indicated below:

Admit to enroll yield

Resident-61%

Domestic Non-Resident- 17%

International- 41%

Residency rules have changed, and the yield for domestic non-resident applicants used to be 30%, but now is the yield is considerably lower. Recently, there has been an explosion of international applications, mainly fueled by China. The international yield has varied greatly. Last year the international yield was 35% and 60% of international students in the current freshman class are Chinese, and subsequently 11% of the freshman class is Chinese. Resident applications have been flat as graduating high school classes have been shrinking. This year there are more in-state slots, up to 4,000 which is up from 3,800. The incoming class will be up from 5,800 to 6,000. Burke shared concerns about 87 people trying to get in class with room for 44 and whether or not the University can handle larger freshman classes.

There was discussion of the gender gap, and if it is still growing. Nationally, the gap is 60%, 40%, and local privates are 70%, 30% in favor of women. Fabien asked about if other west coast institutions are having similar explosions, and Ballinger explained that Chinese students seem to be more rank driven, and UW does particularly well in China. Schwartz also brought up importance of having family here. There was continued discussion of the gender gap and if university could consider different criteria. Ballinger explains that I-200 does not allow for such considerations. Ballinger went on to explain that

gender gap is present in Australia and Europe as well. Some private schools are allowed to consider gender, but aren't necessarily balancing out.

Ballinger shares that the 4-year transfer rate is very low because of the necessity to accommodate community-college transfers. UW is currently top heavy in upper-classmen to lower-classmen, and that leads to pressure in current environment. Ballinger explained that UC system is having more difficulty getting students in upper division courses.

Almost the entire 7.7% decline of resident application is in white students. One theory that may explain some of it is the Dream Project and perception that it could lead to in local high schools. There was also discussion about the math entrance requirements, and how they are now starting to match high school graduation requirements. While the students are taking the courses, it doesn't necessarily equate to math competence.

The council went on to discuss the difficulty of evaluating international students, which is still difficult. It was explained that many families hire agents that help students gain admissions particularly in Korea, India, and China. Many agents write the applications and statements. Policies are also being reviewed as current minimums of TOFEL are too low and the University will likely look more at sub-scores. Schwartz shared that he would like to see the number of students that are the children of faculty and staff.

The council also discussed how the state is low on bachelor's degree production but very high efficiency as state has high graduation rates. Ballinger suggested that members checkout admit.washington.edu and check out the quick facts. Ballinger shared with the council that his main current concern is the low domestic non-resident yield.

3. UWPD Station Relocation

The UWPD station will relocate soon. The preferred site is across from Ethnic Cultural Center. Some students are unhappy about the situation and it is being reconsidered. Fabien will be at an upcoming meeting to discuss the issue and represent FCSA.

4. Approval of Minutes

The December 6, 2011 meeting minutes were approved without corrections.

5. ASUW Report

Evan Smith, ASUW Director of University Affairs, told the council that the ASUW has been very active in Olympia and that there main focus has been on shared governance, transparency, and the importance of higher education. On campus, the main points have been the relocation of the police department and the diversity requirement proposal, which is in Faculty Senate process. The ASUW is currently trying to raise awareness on the issue, particularly since it would need to be approved by the voting faculty. He also shared that the ASUW would like to host a gubernatorial debate. Attorney General McKenna will be on campus on February 17th to announce his higher education agenda.

6. Student Conduct Code

Chair Fabien shared that the student conduct code will be discussed at the upcoming Senate Executive Committee meeting. As a part of this process, the Faculty Appeals Board is being evaluated.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m. by Chair Fabien.

Minutes by Alex Bolton

Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Burke, Schwartz
 President's Designee: Johnson
 Ex-Officio Reps: Christenberry, Smith, Jones Wiles
 Guests: Ballinger

Absent: **Faculty:** Berninger, Bailkin
 President's Designee:
 Ex-Officio Reps: Hanken, Scott