

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
1:30-3:00 p.m., October 2, 2012
36 Gerberding Hall

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
2. Discussion of the Faculty Appeals Board - Composition, term limits, etc.
3. Online Undergraduate Degree Completion Initiative
4. Good of the Order
5. Report from the GPSS/ASUW representatives
6. Approval of minutes from the June 5 FCSA meeting
7. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Fabien at 1:32 p.m.

2. Discussion of the Faculty Appeals Board - Composition, term limits, etc.

Fabien introduced members to the Council, and opened the topic of the Faculty Appeals Board (FAB). Elizabeth Higgins, Director of Community Standards and Student Conduct, briefly characterized the Student Conduct Code revisions which began in November 2010. The Student Conduct Code contains multiple mechanisms for student appeals, governed by the Washington Administrative Code. Within the revision, the opportunity has arisen for addressing lacks of clarity within the appointment process of the FAB.

The FAB is part of the disciplinary process and conducts formal hearings. This was differentiated from informal discussion, which is held in University Disciplinary Committees (UDC). Currently, the FAB consists of seven members across all three campuses, appointed by the Faculty Senate Chair in consultation with FCSA. Concerns with the process as it stands are as follows, with need to:

- Establish a process for appointment
- Determine term limits, potentially aligning the FAB with other faculty mechanisms such as faculty Councils, and potentially establishing a rotational membership.
- Establish a process to determine the FAB Chair, and their term
- Clarify the role of FCSA in "consultation" with the Faculty Senate Chair in appointing members
- Update language, such as the "Senate Groups" for UDC appointments no longer exist.

Council members asked if revising the SCC requires a formal amendment to the RCW, or could be dealt internally. The RCW informs of how to follow the adjudication process, but does not dictate the membership of the committees. FAB members are provided with training for their role, and FAB membership was noted to be more consistent than the UDC. Concerns were raised that faculty may not have visibility of the FAB and UDC on campus, and presentations were suggested to inform faculty members on these bodies. Further discussion followed on the ability to address mental illnesses, and visibility of students overlapping between the disciplinary boards and counseling.

Higgins described revisions within this process as a change in orientation from a legal perspective to a judicial perspective, providing the students with the opportunity to learn from their mistakes. Though students are provided a letter upon orientation regarding the SCC, many students have not read it.

Membership for faculty on the FAB was noted to be difficult, and Higgins described the successful recruitment of a pool of students, who are then randomly selected to serve.

The Committee revising the SCC has worked hard with these revisions, with 25 members serving on this committee, with the goal of completion prior to the end of the academic year. It is hoped to send this to GPSS and ASUW for approval in the spring, prior to sending the documents to the Board of Regents in June 2013. Higgins requested for FCSA to recommend making appointments to the UDC and FAB more homogeneous to other Faculty Senate processes. Fabien proposed to update the language on the FAB, specifically on term limits and appointment now, through passing Class B Legislation. Higgins will contact Fabien after consulting with the Attorney General's office, regarding both FAB and UDC. She will return to the Council in November.

3. Online Undergraduate Degree Completion Initiative

Fabien recently was informed that UW is beginning an Online Undergraduate Degree Completion initiative. Potential students would have completed a specific amount of credits, essentially becoming transfer students and courses would solely be taken online. He expressed concern of how this would apply to the SCC. Higgins informed that the revised language of the SCC is "blind" to student status, which defines a student as "anyone enrolled in the University for a Course," and thus broad enough for these new students. Higgins suggested for professors offering these courses should familiarize themselves with different teaching methods, through the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Council members brought up questions on what level of services would be provided to these students by the University: access to the Intermural Athletic Building, libraries, counseling, and otherwise. Academic and personal counseling were noted to be important due to veteran students returning to studies. Higgins expressed support for veteran students between her office and the Veterans Center.

Only one degree would be available in this initiative, which is a Social Sciences degree, coming from this evening degree program. Faculty members considered the cost of this degree, which is half that of regular tuition, and expressed concerns that a less expensive program may make Washington State Legislature believe that the University could operate with less money. Faculty members also debated potential impacts of this online degree on UW Extension. Learning goals for this degree are being developed by the School of Arts & Sciences. Discussion continued on graduation rates and earnings for those with such degrees, and the demographics which will be served by this degree.

UW's State Relations just informed of being in favor of Differential Tuition by the University of Washington, which the Provost had also expressed support for. As self-sustaining programs already have differential tuition, this is reflected within the Degree Completion initiative, as it will be offered at half of the cost of daytime programs. Concerns were expressed on adjunct faculty teaching in self-sustaining programs, due to student expectations of faculty teaching courses. The Faculty Senate is investigating the decrease in the percentage of tenured faculty of total instructors.

4. Good of the Order

Faculty members were curious on the motive for sending the UW Police Department "2012-13 Guide to Campus Safety & Substance Abuse" across campus. This communication is required by the state and federal government to be sent to the entire UW Community, and Higgins provided a history regarding such reporting on crimes that occurred on or around the campus community. She informed that many

members of campus are Campus Reporting Authorities¹ and have legal obligation to inform the police of any crime that they are aware of.

Conversation shifted to tracking cheating, and potential centralization of student misconduct. Higgins' office has visibility into both non-academic misconduct across campus, and academic misconduct within the School of Arts & Sciences. Some additional Schools & Colleges also inform CSSC of actions taken for academic misconduct. Students are also reporting on instances of cheating by peers. The Husky Principles which represent values of students at the University of Washington serve as a guide for student conduct.

5. Report from the GPSS/ASUW representatives

GPSS representative Will Scott informed that the GPSS meeting will take place tomorrow. He mentioned that much of GPSS efforts are being applied towards the oncoming election.

ASUW representative Michael Kutz informed of many students signing up to participate in ASUW events, planning for homecoming, and efforts towards voter registration. Other projects are working with the Residence Housing Student Association to provide leftover food from campus restaurants to local food banks. ASUW is also attempting to add diversity courses into graduation requirements. It has also been involved in discussion at the Legislature regarding differential tuition. Students were recommended to contact Seattle Public Health regarding food donations, and Charles Easterberg, UW Public Health advisor.

Seattle City Council has implemented a rental property inspection program, which GPSS and ASUW had been pursuing for years.

6. Approval of minutes from the June 5 FCSA meeting

Minutes were approved from the June 5th meeting, as amended.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m. by Chair Fabien.

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

Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Treser, Berninger, Svircev, Ezeonwu, Burke, Laws
President's Designee: Johnson
Ex-Officio Reps: Scott, Hanken, Christenberry, Kutz
Guests: Jack Lee, Elizabeth Higgins

Absent: **Faculty:** Schwartz
Ex-Officio Reps: Jones Wiles

¹ Individuals with significant responsibility for a student activity: such as teaching class, or being involved with athletics.