

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
1:30-3:00 p.m., November 6, 2012
36 Gerberding Hall

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
2. Report from the GPSS/ASUW representatives
3. Discussion of the academic progress of special and priority admit students
4. Report from the Chair
5. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
6. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Fabien at 1:34 p.m.

2. Report from the GPSS/ASUW representatives

ASUW Director of University Affairs Michael Kutz informed of ASUW efforts to preserve the UPASS, despite an arbitration dispute between the University and academic student employees, as their contract specified no new fees imposed on such employees. ASUW is investigating the impacts that differential tuition would have on campus and has been participating in voter registration and advocacy.

GPSS representative Will Scott informed that GPSS is also working on the dispute between the University and academic student employees, and expressed concerns of impacts of costs of this dispute.

3. Discussion of the academic progress of special and priority admit students.

Associate Athletic Director for Student Development Kim Durand was introduced to the Council. She presented the Council with statistics on special and priority admit student athletes (attached as Appendix A: Priority and Special Admit Data). Priority admit students are predicted to have above a 80% chance of attaining a freshman-year GPA, with special admits as those with less than an 80% chance. Annual admissions caps exist for these students, up to 70 priority and 30 special admits.

The Athletics department reviews information on student athletes quarterly. Advisors help students form academic plans, tutor, and make students aware of resources for those with learning disabilities. At the suggestion of infrastructure to be created for students with learning disabilities, it was suggested that such ideas be brought to Ed Taylor, Vice Provost and Dean Undergraduate Academic Affairs.

Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) Faculty Representative Pete Dukes discussed current numbers and emphasized UW's high graduation and academic standings rates, nearly 90% of special admits. Priority admit students were attributed to be more likely to be dismissed due to academic standing, as special admit students are offered more resources. Another complication for retention of such students is the number of students on partial scholarships, due to these students' socio-economic levels. After working for athletics programs at multiple schools, Durand considered UW's approach to be the best that she has seen for supporting these students.

Removal of special admissions for student athletes would put UW's athletic competition at risk, specifically in basketball and football, which have many priority and special admits. Despite clear academic success of priority and special admit students, concern was expressed on stigmatism from other students due to the amount of resources spent on them. A counter-point was mentioned that the program allows students to access a university education which would otherwise be unavailable to them. Durand commented that few student athletes proceed to professional leagues, and Athletics emphasizes the importance of a UW education for student athletes' careers.

The Council discussed the admissions process for such students, noting that they are evaluated through the same academic indexes as other applicants to the University of Washington. Durand stressed the importance of gauging enthusiasm and commitment of future student athletes when recommending special or priority admits to the Office of Admissions.

Discussion continued on how support is budgeted for such students. ACIA is the funder for these support services, and is self-sustaining, paid by its own revenues. UW tends to focus on bringing in athletes as freshmen and has the most competitive transfer requirements in the PAC12. Fabien lauded the achievements of UW Athletics, as other schools rates have as low as 50% for such students with passing grades, and suggested that UW promote the success of its program and students.

4. Report from the Chair

Fabien noted that updates will be provided on the Student Conduct Code revisions. Phil Ballinger, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment will be invited to present on admissions statistics. Eric Godfrey, Vice President & Vice Provost for Student Life, will be retiring in June.

The Council considered support for international students, noting both cultural and language differences can pose issues for professors. While FIUTS and other student groups perform orientations for such students, resources are also available at the Odegaard writing center, regarding language. Discussion followed on the access or international graduate students, departments run their own orientations. The Council also considered both the raising in fees for international students, and raised questions on what such funds are used for, either centrally or targeting services used by such students.

5. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Minutes from the October 2nd meeting were approved as revised.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. by Chair Fabien.

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

Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Treser, Svircev, Ezeonwu, Burke, Berninger, Laws
President's Designee: Johnson
Guests: Kim Durand, Pete Dukes
Ex-Officio Reps: Kutz, Jones Wiles, Scott, Christenberry

Absent: **Faculty:** Schwartz

Priority Admit Data Snapshot By Year

Entering Class of 2008-2009 (70 priority admits)

1	Withdrew from UW (personal/family/financial reasons)
0	Was cut from the team
1	Quit the team or were dismissed from the team
6	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)/program discontinued
5	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
25	Remain at UW in good academic standing
0	Went pro (left school early)
1	Below 2.0 or are academically ineligible
31	Earned UW degree

Entering Class of 2009-2010 (52 priority admits)

2	Withdrew from UW (personal/family/financial reasons)
3	Was cut from the team
2	Quit the team or was dismissed from the team
6	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)
1	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
34	Remain at UW in good academic standing
0	Went pro (left school early)
0	Below 2.0 or are academically ineligible
4	Earned UW degree

Entering Class of 2010-2011 (65 priority admits)

0	Withdrew from UW (personal/family/financial reasons)
1	Was cut from the team
1	Quit the team or was dismissed from the team
6	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)
3	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
51	Remain at UW in good academic standing
0	Went pro (left school early)
0	Below 2.0 or academically ineligible
3	Earned UW degree

Entering Class of 2011-2012 (58 priority admits)

1	Withdrew from UW (personal/family/financial reasons)
0	Was cut from the team
0	Quit the team or was dismissed from the team
1	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)
1	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
50	Remain at UW in good academic standing
1	Went pro (left school early)
4	Below 2.0 or academically ineligible
0	Earned UW degree

Special Admit Data Snapshot By Year

Entering Class of 2008-2009 (27 special admits)

0	Withdrew from UW
3	Quit the team or were dismissed from the team
8	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)
0	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
1	Remains at UW in good academic standing
2	Went pro (left school early)
0	Below 2.0 or academically ineligible
13	Earned UW degree

Entering Class of 2009-2010 (21 special admits)

2	Withdrew from UW
2	Quit the team or were dismissed from the team
6	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)
0	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
11	Remain at UW in good academic standing
0	Went pro (left school early)
0	Below 2.0 or academically ineligible
0	Earned UW degree

Entering Class of 2010-2011 (30 special admits)

0	Withdrew from UW
0	Quit the team or were dismissed from the team
6	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)
0	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
23	Remain at UW in good academic standing
1	Went pro (left school early)
0	Below 2.0 or academically ineligible
0	Earned UW degree

Entering Class of 2011-2012 (31 special admits)

0	Withdrew from UW
0	Quit the team or were dismissed from the team
0	Transferred from UW (athletic reasons)
0	Dismissed from UW (academic reasons)
30	Remain at UW in good academic standing
1	Went pro (left school early)
0	Below 2.0 or academically ineligible
0	Earned UW degree