

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., February 5, 2013
36 Gerberding Hall

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2012, FCSA meeting
 - 3) Chair's Report
 - 4) ASUW/GPSS Report
 - 5) Adjourn
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1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2012 FCSA meeting

Minutes were approved.

3. Chair's report

Chair Fabien reported that the last meeting of FCSA had been cancelled because it coincided with the first meeting of the Search Committee for a new Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life. This Committee will continue meeting weekly for a month, preparing for interviews during the Spring. The search firm will provide the Committee with a list of names that they will pare down to eight candidates. These eight will be invited to "airport interviews." From those eight, four will be selected to interview extensively with all related stakeholders. The Committee is now fine-tuning its list of stakeholders. In addition, the Committee will be devoting considerable effort into constructing questions for the interviews. Fabien will find out if he can consult with the Council on the questions. For now the Search Committee has been cautioned not to discuss anything outside Committee meetings. He did report that great care will be devoted to questions concerning philosophy and management styles. The UW is fairly unique among other institutions in that this position oversees many areas that most Vice Presidents from other institutions would not. One example of this would be having a Chief of Police as a direct report to this position.

Over the next few weeks the Committee will receive a preliminary list of candidates from the search firm. Search Committee members will check references, and then the "long" list of eight will be completed and interviews scheduled. Fabien mentioned that students on the committee are very involved and very vocal. Interviews of the four finalists will be done by all related stake-holders over some number of days. Students will get a four-hour block. Faculty Senate will get forty-five minutes. Committee members are still concerned that they may have missed some stake-holders, for example representatives from the North of 45th Street group. Fabien encouraged Council members to contact him with any questions or concerns regarding this process.

Fabien told the Council that he is hoping to schedule Phil Ballinger, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment, for a meeting with FCSA in the near future.

He also reported that Jeff Schwartz had agreed to serve on the Faculty Appeals Board. Although dormant for some time, the Faculty Appeals Board (FAB), which reports to the Faculty Council on Student Affairs, is now being reconstituted. Those who had previously served on the Board have been thanked for their service, and a new Board will be in place by next Fall. This is a very difficult Board to staff due to the serious nature of decisions required. It is something of a “court of last resort” for students in trouble. Fabien said that efforts are being made to make the Board’s procedures more formal, particularly the tenure of members of the Board. There will be new language in the Student Conduct Code and the Faculty Code to reflect these changes. FCSA will have input on prospective appointments to the Board, and Fabien plans to invite Elizabeth Higgins to help draft the invitation for prospective candidates.

Finally, Fabien reported that he is still looking for his replacement as Chair of FCSA, and invites anyone interested to contact him. This should be a particularly interesting time for FCSA with the up-coming transition to a new Vice Provost for Student Life.

4. ASUW/GPSS Report

Will Scott, GPSS representative, reported on student concerns, questions and objections about the proliferation of fee-based programs.

Kiehl Sundt, sitting in for ASUW representative Michael Kutz, expressed questions and concerns about an informal discussion concerning faculty salary increase discussions. On behalf of students he asked about the status of this proposal within the state process. He was assured that there is strong faculty sentiment that any such increase in faculty salary should not land on the backs of students. In any case, there is no guarantee that the legislature will lift the freeze on salaries for faculty. Although the financial situation for large research universities is still not good (including the steady decline in federal research funding), there is good news from Olympia where the atmosphere seems to be changing to acknowledge the UW as an effective economic engine for the state. This is partially due to Amazon and Microsoft becoming more vocal in their support for the UW.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Brian Fabien at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes by Susan Folk, Faculty Council Support . slfolk@u.washington.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Treser, Svircev, Laws, Schwartz
 Ex-Officio Reps: Wiles, Kiehl Sundt (for Kutz)
 Guests: Scott, Christenberry

Absent: **Faculty:** Berninger, Ezeonwu, Burke
 President’s Designee: Johnson
 Ex-Officio: Kutz, Jones