

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on Student Affairs  
February 4, 2014, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
Gerberding 36

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Call to Order
  2. Approval of the Agenda
  3. Approval of the Minutes from January 7, 2014
  4. Transportation/Student U-Pass/Metro Funding
  5. Chair's Report
  6. GPSS Update
  7. PSO Update
  8. ALUW Update
  9. New Business/Future Agenda Items
  10. Adjourn
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**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Treser at 1:30 p.m.

**2) Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**3) Review of Minutes from January 7, 2014**

Minutes from January 7, 2014 were approved as written.

**4) Transportation/Student U-Pass/Metro Funding**

Melanie Mayock (External Affairs Specialist for Transportation Services) discussed recent transit developments affecting UW.

As a result of the recession Seattle revenues have been dropping over the past few years. Since then Metro has been relying on reserve funds, raised fares and temporary funding in the form of the \$20 annual license renewal fee. This cut in funding is similar to other regional transportation districts which are cutting back on service area and bus routes. Last November King County announced its proposed cuts which will completely delete 20 routes that serve UW (out of 42 current Metro routes). Mayock explained that the cuts will be eased in gradually on a rolling basis beginning in September. The County Council will make its final decision on service cuts later in May. However, before the county decides on cuts a proposal has been introduced to secure funding by increasing the sales tax by 0.1% and increasing the annual license fee to \$60. This proposal will be on the upcoming April ballot to determine if there is voter support to save transit services.

Mayock explained that Metro transit fees are the most regressive in Washington State. There is a proposal to provide a rebate on the license fee for low-income individuals as well as low-income bus fares.

Mayock discussed recent developments with the student U-PASS. Decisions impacting the student U-PASS fall under a unique entity in the UW system called the Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board. The Board has the authority to control rate increases and benefits and Transit Services cannot move forward on changes without the Board's approval. Mayock reported that U-PASS currently has healthy reserves and does not expect to increase the current \$76/quarter rate. In the past the U-PASS program was not doing well which led to the creation of the universal U-PASS in 2011 where all students pay in to the program. Mayock explained that U-PASS will maintain its current rate even with expected rate increases from Metro.

Faculty/staff U-PASS is partially subsidized by on-campus parking fees. The subsidy is based on the number of total funds and the number of people in the population covered. For example, the majority of the subsidy funds are allocated to students. There is a proposal to change the allocation to a cost basis which would reallocate more funding to the faculty/staff U-PASS. The Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board will review the proposal and will send it to the ASUW and GPSS executive bodies for approval. Mayock explained that in reallocating funding from the student U-PASS Transit Services will review the following proposals:

- Provide access to central campus for short-term parking
- Provide affordable carpool rates and other options for students

Mayock discussed new developments in bicycle programs on campus. Bike Share, a model based on programs in New York City and Chicago, will begin in Seattle later this year. Bike Share is a program where individuals can rent bicycles for one-way trips with drop off locations in different areas throughout the city. This has been a successful model in other cities and Puget Sound Bike Share will implement the program soon. The current plan is to have 50 locations throughout Seattle with 12 located on campus. Another program called "Bicycle Library" would allow for long-term bicycle rentals similar to a program offered at the University of Oregon.

A question was raised about the impact on the student U-PASS is the county's proposal does not pass. It is hard to tell because Transportation Services negotiates with transit agencies so it will be discussed when prices are determined. UW is currently working to educate people about the impacts of the potential cuts and identify alternative transit options such as car and vanpool options. Faculty/staff currently pay \$132/quarter while students pay \$76/quarter. In the event that Metro does not get the necessary funding the rate will not necessarily change, just the available service.

A question was raised about parking and its impact on U-PASS. Parking fees help subsidize U-PASS. In the past UW had to deal with limited parking space for faculty/staff/students so people were encouraged to use the U-PASS program. However, with the U-PASS being so effective UW now has too many empty parking areas. With the potential cuts to Metro UW may likely see more people opting to drive rather than take transit.

Mayock clarified that Metro is cutting almost 50% of routes to UW, not 50% of service which is a big difference. Discussion ensued about the specific bus routes that serve UW and the impact from potential cuts. Metro is basing potential service cuts on specific guidelines, such as productivity

(passenger/mile) equity and neighborhood density. While Metro would prefer not to make the required cuts it is looking at ways to increase the efficiency of the transit system to manage cuts in a sensible manner.

Concern was raised about cutting routes for low-income families and disadvantaged individuals. The equity issue is important and one of the guidelines that determine how service will be cut.

Sound Transit's Light rail station by Husky Stadium will be finished in early 2016 and the 43<sup>rd</sup> station will be complete in 2021. Mayock clarified that the U-PASS will cover light rail.

Concern was raised that with some service eliminated it may require people to make more transfers to their final destination. The cuts will make it more difficult for people to travel making mass transit less attractive to use, especially from discreet neighborhoods,

Discussion moved to bicycling in Seattle. Seattle is conducting an update to its Bicycling Master Plan is holding public meetings to gather feedback from stakeholders. Several improvements have been made as part of the Burke Gilman trail. UW has improved the intersection at Pend O'Reille which improves the angles and visibility for both bikers and pedestrians. For example, bicycles will now travel on a separate level of the trail with pedestrians on another, similar to the section that goes through Mercer Court. UW is still working to secure funding for the entire 1.7 miles through campus and recently applied for a large federal grant.

In addition to developing safe trails and improving capacity for bicycling throughout campus Transit Services also manages parking garages, coordinates the U-PASS program, manages UW's fleet service, and conducts outreach and marketing on alternative transit options.

## **5) Chair's Report**

Treser reported that the Faculty Senate recently passed Class A legislation on Academic Freedom which received a 96% positive response rate from voting faculty.

The Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS) recently proposed Class B legislation which updates a previously-created new class of students. Last year the Faculty Senate created two separate types of students: "regularly admitted" and "limited admission". However, because the term "limited admission" has a negative connotation the Faculty Senate recently changed the terms to "generally admitted" and "program-specific". Along with these changes the legislation also clarifies that all matriculated students are able to participate in student government, participate intramural sports and use UW facilities like the IMA and UW libraries. Treser clarified this is due to "program-specific" students paying student activity fees. Treser mentioned that Patricia Kramer (Chair of FCAS) might visit the council and discuss the changes in more detail.

Discussion moved to the proposed online Integrated Social Sciences (ISS) degree. This is a degree-completion program which would enroll only program-specific students. Concern was raised about limited oversight of the program. Any curriculum has to be approved by the unit offering the program, similar to traditional in-class programs. Discussion ensued surrounding the details of the proposal, costs associated with managing the degree, course delivery and student advising.

There are continuing developments with the UW lecturer issue. All new lecturer appointments must be made as a result of competitive searches. While this solves the problem with new lecturers it still raises questions about current lecturers not hired competitively and part-time lecturers. Part-time lecturers are a difficult issue because the position may be funded by multiple units, across UW campuses or even with nearby community colleges. A comment was raised that UW should take credit for taking on this issue since many institutions use part-time lecturers as part of their business model to save money.

#### **6) GPSS Update**

Scott reported that Winter Quarter is busy with a large legislative agenda, including the recently-passed Dream Act and Veteran's Bill which passed the Senate. GPSS is also dealing with transportation issues across campus.

#### **7) PSO Update**

Jones Wiles reported that PSO is planning its spring meeting and is in the process of identifying a speaker. PSO will also present its "Standing Ovation Award" at that time. PSO scholarships were recently awarded in the amount of \$350-500.

#### **8) ALUW Update**

Tawatao reported on a new professional networking initiative to bring together researchers and staff to identify collaborators on issues of interest. The networking event is similar to speed-dating in which individuals can meet with each other for several minutes to identify potential research projects that overlap with each other.

#### **9) New Business/Future Agenda Items**

A question was raised about open access at UW. The University of California system recently passed new rules that license all papers that come out of the university which can be openly published. There is a Special Committee on Intellectual Property and Commercialization (SCIPC) at UW which is addressing similar issues. SCIPC's primary goal is to adjust or remove language in the Outside Work Form that faculty need to sign in order to conduct outside work and receive compensation from third parties. As a result of the Supreme Court *Stanford v. Roach* case UW changed its Outside Work Form requiring faculty to "hereby assign" any future intellectual property (IP) to the university. SCIPC and the administration are currently in negotiations over the language and will hopefully have a finalized document shortly. Discussion ensued about IP ownership at UW.

#### **10) Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Treser at 2:45 p.m.

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*Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu*

**Present:**           **Faculty:** Treser (Chair), Burke, Fabien, Laws, Lopez, Svircev  
**Ex-Officio Reps:** Will Scott (GPSS), Jones Wiles, Tawatao

**Absent:**           **Faculty:** Ezeonwu, Stroup

**President's Designee:** Johnson  
**Ex-Officio Reps:** McNerney