

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
March 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 February 4, 2014
 4. Chair's Report
 5. ASUW Update
 6. PSO Update
 7. ALUW Update
 8. GPSS Update
 9. President's Representative Update
 10. New Business/Future Agenda Items
 11. Adjourn
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1) Call to Order

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

2) Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. Fabien explained that Patricia Kramer (Chair of the Faculty Council on Academic Standards) and Michael Kutz (ASUW President) were not available to discuss the agenda items originally scheduled for today.

3) Review of Minutes from February 4, 2014

Minutes from February 4, 2014 were approved as amended.

4) Chair's Report

Council members discussed Treser's report that was circulated prior to the meeting. In the report Treser addressed recent developments in student profiles, student debt, recent Class A legislation creating housekeeping changes, the Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board and Seattle's new Bike Share program. One interesting fact is that the entering class is 6,255 students with slightly higher average GPAs and test scores from previous years. A comment was raised stating that new student enrollment is larger than the total enrollment of some high-profile institutions, such as MIT, which is why people should to be careful when comparing UW to other institutions. Members discussed the high enrollment numbers and expressed concern about the difficulty to provide enough slots for new majors, especially when many departments are moving towards competitive majors.

A comment was raised expressing interest in the high enrollment rates of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (29.9%). A suggestion was raised to invite Phillip Ballinger (Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment) to discuss the enrollment findings in more detail.

Fabien reported that Class A legislation making housekeeping changes to the Faculty Code has been sent out for a full faculty vote.

5) ASUW Update

McNerney was not present to provide an update. Johnson reported that the UW student regency nomination period has begun and ASUW is looking at new leadership for next academic year. ASUW's recent "Everybody, Every Body" fashion show was successful as well as ASUW's crime walk.

Members discussed recent developments of the student technology fee. Fabien discussed a recent situation in which a student proposal for the fee went to the college which was filtered through and not fully funded, resulting in student complaints. Fabien mentioned this is the first time a proposal was not fully funded by the college. Members discussed methods in which university-wide coordinated efforts could be conducted in the future. A comment was raised that this particular case may have been due to limited funds available to finance the proposal. A comment was raised stressing the importance of communicating this issue in order to provide transparency for students.

Members discussed ways in which stakeholders across campus could coordinate a joint effort to fund student proposals. A suggestion was made that the council could offer input on the issue. While this is an interesting issue to address it is up to the dean of an individual department to make the final decision.

6) PSO Update

Jones Wiles reported that PSO is in the process of planning a summer conference to address the needs and concerns of professional staff. UW PSO is reaching out to other PSO organizations at institutions across the state to participate in the conference.

7) ALUW Update

Tawatao reported that UW Libraries, as part of a grant through the eSciences Institute, is transitioning the Physics/Astronomy reading room into a new data site studio. The project will begin in mid-June and reopen beginning in Fall Quarter 2014. Tawatao explained there will still be library consultation services and students will still have access to space.

Renovation to the library website is still ongoing. Last summer UW began moving to a shared, integrated library system, part of Orbis Cascade Alliance (along with 36 other institutions)is. UW was in the first wave of transitioning to the new system which occurred last June. However, once the system went live UW Libraries quickly found out it was not able to effectively function so they quickly re-adopted UW WorldCat as part of their primary search interface which has been used since 2008. UW Libraries is now working closely with the vendor to improve the system and overhaul how things are being handled. There have been some big improvements and a new service pack will be released soon. UW Libraries hopes to have the system up and running again by June 2014.

A question was raised asking if there are any complaints by students. UW Libraries has received most of its feedback from faculty and graduate students. Members discussed their personal experiences using the library system and incorporating UW Libraries into the classroom. Tawatao explained that UW Libraries has a liaison program which provides students an early introduction to the library system. UW Libraries has also worked to collaborate more with faculty and their courses. This collaboration has been effective and students are able to make connections with library staff outside of class.

8) GPSS Update

Scott was not present to provide a report. Lincoln reported that GPSS has been discussing the international student fee. The \$45 fee passed last year and GPSS will be addressing this issue again tonight.

Future agenda items include transportation issues related to King County Metro cuts and access to UW campus.

9) President's Representative Update

Lincoln reported that Denzil Suite (Vice Present for Student Life) has been at UW for 6 months. Suite has hired a new Director of Administration and Finance and is interviewing applicants for a new Student Affairs Specialist position. Lincoln explained that with so many student initiatives on campus there is a need for a new staff member to coordinate all the efforts.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will be on campus on March 10th to discuss her memoir *My Beloved World* chronicling her journey from a housing project in the Bronx to becoming a Supreme Court Justice. She will also be interviewed by Provost Ana Mari Cauce about the formative experiences that shaped her into who she is today. Johnson explained this is the first time in many years that someone of this caliber will visit UW to speak specifically to the student body. Her visit is being coordinated by Undergraduate Academic Affairs.

Johnson discussed the fall-out of the recent bonfires following the Super Bowl. Following the incident neighborhood groups began to discuss issues and concerns related to the community which has developed a great conversation involving Seattle Fire Department, Seattle PD, UW PD, Northeast 45th residents, non-students and Greek organizations. The conversations have been very positive and providing great feedback on ways to improve the neighborhood and fostering relationships with stakeholders. The frequency of these large incidents is relatively low and depends on the situation. The conversations are now focused on methods to quickly stop situations before they escalate and get out of hand.

Johnson explained that the North of 45th Committee meets once per month and includes members from the business community, residents, students, representatives from faith communities and student leaders. The committee has been very active and successful in reaching out to students to address issues of concern.

10) New Business/Future Agenda Items

Fabien suggested that Ballinger could attend a future meeting to discuss admissions data and how departments are meeting the increasing demands of students. As more departments are moving

towards competitive admissions students are extending the length of time to graduate. A comment was raised wondering who is looking at the big picture of student enrollment.

11) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by acting Chair Fabien at 2:15 p.m.

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

Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (acting Chair), Laws, Lopez, Stroup, Svircev
 President's Designee: Johnson
 Ex-Officio Reps: Jones Wiles, Tawatao

Absent: **Faculty:** Burke, Ezeonwu, Treser
 Ex-Officio Reps: McNerney, Scott