

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
Tuesday, 14 February 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

Clark Pace called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. ASUW Report (Jonathan Lee, ASUW representative); discussion deferred.
2. GPSS Report (Richard Nobels, GPSS representative); discussion deferred.
3. Advising – James Soto Antony & Carrie Perrin
4. University Park Neighborhood – Jeffrey Schwartz

1. ASUW Report

Discussion deferred.

2. GPSS Report

Discussion deferred.

3. Advising

Carrie Perrin distributed copies of *Advising Self-Study 2004-2005 Recommendations* from the UW Office of Educational Assessment. She noted that the report has been developed into a PowerPoint presentation that would be available for the Council if requested. The recommendations are a part of a larger, 169-page preliminary report which is on the web, and Carrie will distribute its URL to Council members.

Carrie reported that there are no surprises among the recommendations. Some would require significant funding – and some significant recommendations would require no direct funding, but a substantial change in the culture or climate of the university.

Academic advisors are often excluded (whether inadvertently or not) from discussions about policies directly related to their professional work with students. In the case of the *Advising Self-Study*, while advisors were widely consulted in the creation of this document, the study and the resulting recommendations have apparently been shelved.

UW advisors are not resistant to change or new ideas, but to establish new procedures and policy without their input is by-passing an enormous wealth of knowledge and professional expertise. A change in culture would require administration to take into account more consistently the resources already in place, and to consult those resources when contemplating related policy changes. Carrie and her colleagues will be meeting with administration soon to see how UW advisors can best contribute to the success and implementation of the Report's recommendations.

Often, these lapses occur when an issue includes a sense of urgency. Working "through channels" and carefully taking into account procedures, personnel, and committees that are already in-place to address the issue under consideration takes more time than administrators are sometimes willing to allow.

Another case in point is the emergence of *The Report of the Committee to Improve the UW Undergraduate Experience (12/5/05)*. Although the Committee that drafted this report was broadly constituted with several faculty members, there was no attempt to formally involve the Faculty Council on Student Affairs or the Faculty Senate in deliberations. Provost Wise has apologized for this lapse.

Nevertheless, the Faculty Senate will be forming its own committee to study the same issues and come up with its own recommendations.

The Council discussed its role in facilitating a resolution to this seeming stand-off. The consensus of those present was for James Antony to draft a recommendation to the Provost and President, asking them to defer any action based on the idea that an unhurried and collaborative effort will have better results for the UW. This same recommendation will be submitted to the Faculty Senate as a Class C Resolution. At that point the Council will work with the Faculty Senate and the Administration, as well as the student representatives, to identify recommendations that all can support. The recommendation will request that this work be done without undue time constraints and with a commitment to including input from all constituencies involved.

The Council continued to discuss issues of shared governance, and concern was raised that it is not working as well as it should – that there isn't a good sense of community at the UW.

4. University Park Neighborhood

Clark Pace distributed copies of articles from the *Seattle Times* and the *Daily* concerning off-campus student misconduct. The Council discussed the issue of whether to extend the Student Conduct Code outside the campus. Many believe that the University has been dragging its feet on taking action to extend the Code

