

**University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Wednesday, January 9, 2008
36 Gerberding Hall**

Jan Sjøvik called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of agenda and the minutes of the December 10, 2007, meeting.
2. Announcements.
3. Reorganization, Consolidation & Elimination of Programs (RCEP) discussion (continued).

1. Approval of agenda and minutes.

The agenda was approved. Approval of the minutes was deferred in order to commit more time to deliberations concerning RCEP procedures.

2. Announcements:

There were no announcements.

3. Reorganization, Consolidation, and Elimination of Programs (RCEP).

Chair Sjøvik began the discussion by expressing his hopes to complete a first rough draft of the procedures by the end of the meeting. Using Professor Vaughan's most recent draft (dated January 5, 2008), the Council addressed the following sections that had been flagged by Vaughan as needing more discussion or as including issues of contention:

- Preamble: The Council approved the Preamble as currently drafted.
- Note at bottom of page 1 (Since graduate degrees are authorized by the Graduate School but offered through programs of study in qualified academic units (see Section 23-24.d), the reassignment of an existing graduate degree (Section 23-24.b) to another qualified college, school or department will require the use of these procedures, or those in Section C (=old D. below).) If a degree program is moved from a department, theoretically there is no impact on the department and its faculty, but it's not completely clear that losing a focal point may not have an impact in the long run. Vaughan and Vice Provost Cheryl Cameron will draft a new Section C to address this concern.
- The Council approved the note at the bottom of page 3 directing that materials gathered by the External Faculty Committee will be made available to (not "by") the Review Committee.
- On page 4, the Council agreed that ex officio members of the External Faculty Committee would serve without vote.
- Jan Carline withdrew his question toward the bottom of page 5.
- In addition to other possible changes to paragraph on the lower half of page 6, the first and final sentences of that paragraph will be stricken.
- On the third line of page 7, change the word intention to recommendation and disregard Jan Carline's query later in that paragraph.
- On the fourth line of page 8 change identification to review.

- Under number 3 on page 8, the Council concurred that those appointing the Committee must be trusted. With SEC advice and approval, the Senate Chair will appoint the Committee with participatory rights for all members.
- At the bottom of page 8 and following paragraph, the reports should go to both the Provost and the President.
- On page 9, number 6, third line, include “or chancellors” after dean(s).
- At the bottom of page 9, number 7, the Council agreed that the procedures don’t need to address what the Regents do.
- At the Bottom of page 12, Section 26-42.A.1., second line, after reallocation of resources, ad “or realignment of academic priorities.” On line 5 of that paragraph strike “constituted as described...” and substitute “of five faculty.” Larry Ricker feels this addresses his concern.
- At the bottom of page 13, Section B, strike the word “Limited.”
- On page 17, line 6, strike “programs” and add “schools or colleges.” Check the reference on line 10 and change “schools or colleges” for the word programs in lines 11 and 13.

Sjåvik alerted the Council that at the next meeting members will be reviewing a “clean copy” of RCEP procedures in order to get a sense of whether it reads well as a set of procedures in its own right – and not just a patch-work revision.

A motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes by Susan Folk
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Present:

Regular: Carline, Christie, Di Stefano, Hildebrandt, Phillips, Ricker, Scheuer, Sjåvik, Vaughan

President’s Designee: Cameron

Ex Officio: Bazarnic (PSO) and Cook (ALUW)

Absent:

Regular: Bryant-Bertail, Callis, and Gill (excused)

Ex Officio: Hahn (ASUW)