

**University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Wednesday, January 23, 2008
36 Gerberding Hall**

Jan Sjøvik called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of agenda and the minutes of the December 10, 2007, and the January 9, 2008, meetings.
2. Announcements.
3. Reorganization, Consolidation & Elimination of Programs (RCEP) discussion (continued).
4. Conciliation.

1. Approval of agenda and minutes.

The agenda was approved. The amended minutes of the December 10 FCFA minutes and the January 9 minutes as drafted were approved.

2. Announcements:

There were no announcements.

3. Conciliation.

Chair Jan Sjøvik distributed copies of an e-mail he had received from Secretary of the Faculty Gerry Philipsen asking the Council to consider revisions to the *Faculty Code*, Section 27-41, concerning Conciliation Procedures – particularly provisions defining eligibility for membership on the Board, the number of members on the Board, and the process of appointment of Board members. With the exception of concern expressed about stringent reporting of hours spent on various activities of research faculty working on federal grants, the Council in general agreed with the changes suggested by the Secretary of the Faculty. Sjøvik will draft legislation reflecting these concerns and will bring it to the next Council meeting for review.

4. Reorganization, Consolidation and Elimination of Programs (RCEP) discussion (continued).

The Council then turned its attention to review of the final draft of RCEP revisions. Mícéal Vaughan had distributed both a “clean” version and a tracking-changes version of the revision dated 18 January 2008. Although Jan Carline mentioned there were a number of editorial details he could work out via phone or e-mail with Vaughan, Chair Sjøvik suggested the Council look first for substantial changes. Carline expressed concern that a provision in Section 26-41.B.2.f.2 might slow down the process of getting information to the Committee. After some discussion it was decided that simply changing the phrase “has been submitted” to “had been submitted” would address Carline’s concern. Further discussion led to the striking of “Board of Regents” in Section 26-41.B.7 and the replacement of the word “reorganization” for the word “amalgamation” in the new Section 26-42.B. And finally, Section 26-42.B.2 was modified to clarify that the voting faculty are those in a college or school “subject to reorganization or consolidation.”

A motion to incorporate these changes into the “clean” version of the RCEP revision and send review copies to the Provost, the Board of Deans and Chancellors, the Senate leadership and the Secretary of the Faculty was unanimously approved.

Sjøvik and Vaughan will work on a justification statement that ultimately will need to be sent with legislation through the Senate approval process. This may be done in time to accompany the distribution of review copies to parties outlined in the paragraph above. The Council agreed that it would be useful for Sjøvik and/or other Council members to attend a meeting of the Board of Deans and Chancellors to field questions about the revisions.

A motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 10:43 a.m.

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Present:

Regular: Carline, Christie, Hildebrandt, Ricker, Scheuer, Sjøvik, Vaughan
President's Designee: Cameron

Absent:

Regular: Bryant-Bertail, Callis, Di Stefano, Gill, and Phillips, (all excused)
Ex Officio: Hahn (ASUW), Bazarnic (PSO) (excused) and Cook (ALUW) (excused)