

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Thursday, April 9, 2009, 1:00p.m.
224 Mary Gates Hall

Council Chair Jan Sjøvik called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Meeting synopsis:

1. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting
2. Report on the status of RCEP and Conciliation
3. Senate restructure (continued discussion)

1. Approval of agenda and review of minutes from the March 16, 2009 FCFA meeting

The agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.

2. Report on the status of RCEP and Conciliation

Chair Sjøvik reported to the Council that he was happy with the outcomes of both pieces of legislation and was grateful for all of the assistance he received from interested parties. He informed the Council that both pieces of legislation were headed for the Senate for a vote and he is anticipating approval. Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Bruce Balick offered his congratulations to the FCFA for a job well done. Cheryl Cameron asked for final copies of the legislation to be distributed to FCFA members.

3. Senate Restructure (continued discussion)

Chair Sjøvik continued the discussion regarding Senate Restructure by informing the Council that he felt they should consider the composition of the Senate when making their decision. In previous discussions, Sjøvik thought smaller departments should combine in order to reduce the number of senators in the Faculty Senate. However, he stated that he now believes losing the representation at the department level would not be a good idea. He suggested that each department should have at least one senator, and then the Council could form an opinion with regard to ratio representation for larger departments. Council members discussed various ratio options for senate representation and what should be considered a functioning unit. There was much discussion regarding the School of Medicine as it is organized differently than other schools/colleges at the UW. Barker informed the Council that she sat on a committee a few years ago whose purview was to investigate and understand the functionality of each department at the UW. She thought there may be some record of those conversations on file. Cameron volunteered to look for the minutes from those meetings. Kirtley proposed that Marcia Killien, Secretary of the Faculty, provide to the FCFA a couple of working models with the breakdown of representation based on senate restructure options the Council had discussed. She agreed and stated she would bring the proposed models to the next FCFA meeting so that Council members could compare the models and see what the distribution would look like if applied.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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Present:

Regular: Astley, Bryant-Bertail, Carline, Christie, DiStefano, Kirtley, O'Brien, Phillips, Scheuer, Ricker, Sjøvik, Wilcock
President's Designee: Cameron
Ex Officio: Balick, Barker, Corbett, Killien, Lovell, Vallier

Absent:

Ex Officio: Nguyen