

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Thursday, May 21, 2009, 1:00p.m.
36 Gerberding Hall

Council Chair Jan Sjøvik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting synopsis:

1. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting
2. Senate and SEC restructure

1. Approval of agenda and review of minutes from the April 29, 2009 and May 5, 2009 FCFA meetings

The agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes of the April 29, 2009 and May 5, 2009 meetings were approved.

2. Senate and SEC Restructure

Chair Sjøvik began the discussion of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) restructure by informing the Council that his thought is that if the SEC were reduced in size it would be more efficient. The Council discussed the latest proposal compiled by Sjøvik, Rich Christie and Marcia Killien, Secretary of the Faculty. Killien stated that she researched the Faculty Code and found that the SEC could represent the Senate when the Senate is not in session. She concluded that it makes more sense for the SEC to be comprised of elected members rather than appointed ones. The Council discussed the differences between voting members versus ex-officio members without voting rights and the value of each. Kirtley felt there would be value in having the College Council Chairs as ex-officio members of the SEC without voting rights. A nominating procedure by the at-large Senate was discussed and was found to be widely acceptable. Additionally consideration was given to establishing nominating committee to be appointed by the Secretary of the Faculty. While some felt the nominations should be left to the Senate, Christie suggested the SEC and Senate Leadership provide the nominations for a slate of candidates to be ratified by the members of the Senate.

A discussion among members followed regarding representation from Bothell and Tacoma campuses. Most members agreed that Bothell and Tacoma should choose their own SEC representatives and those campuses should be given one representative each. Finally, FCFA members pointed out that the idea is to keep in mind diversity and representation from various schools, colleges and campuses in addition to faculty and rank. FCFA members hope to have the SEC and Senate restructure proposal finalized at the next FCFA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25p.m.

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Present:

Regular: Bryant-Bertail, Carline, Christie, DiStefano, Kirtley, O'Brien, Ricker, Sjøvik, Scheuer
Ex Officio: Balick, Barker, Corbett, Killien, Lovell

Absent:

Regular: Astley, O'Brien, Phillips, Wilcock
President's Designee: Cameron
Ex Officio: Nguyen, Vallier

Senate Executive Committee
Proposed Structure
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5/19/09

Appointees (n=4) (by position)	Elected from among the Senators (n=7)	Faculty Council Representative (n=1)	Exofficio (without vote)
University President	Elected at large from the Senate	Elected or appointed from "Council on Councils"	Provost
Senate Chair	Minimum of 1 from each campus (3)		Faculty Legislative Rep
Senate Vice-chair	No more than 2 from any single school/college/campus		Deputy Legislative Rep
Senate Past chair/SCPB chair			Secretary of the Faculty
			GPSS rep
			ASUW rep

Summary & Key features:

*SEC would have 12 voting members (plus 6 *exofficio* without vote)

*The emphasis of membership is on those elected v. appointed.

*The new "Council on Councils" would consist of the chairs of the Faculty Councils who would be organized/facilitated by a leader with a vote on SEC. This individual would bring issues from the Councils to SEC & invite the relevant Council chairs to report at SEC as needed. Council chairs would be expected to be present when they had legislation to present (and could attend SEC without vote?). The "leader" could either be elected from the Council on Councils members or be appointed as someone without a current council (eg. a senior former council chair).

*Elected Senator members (n=7) would be elected by the entire voting members of the Faculty Senate from a slate of nominees selected by the nominating committee (consisting of the past SEC members?), with write-in nominations possible. SEC terms would be for 1 year, with a term limit of 3 years. The election could occur at a Senate meeting or electronically.

Faculty Senate Restructure Proposal

Unit	# Faculty	# Depts	# Senators 1:15 (Current)	Senators allocated to Schools/Colleges/Campuses 1:40 (minimum =1) (PROPOSED)
Architecture	72	4	4	2
Arts/Sciences*	1057	40	66	27
Business	102	5	7	3
Dentistry	88	9	5	3
Education	77	1	5	2
Engineering	237	9	15	6
Evans School	27	1	2	1
Environment/Forest Resources +	56	1	3	2
I-School	36	1	2	1
Law	63	1	4	2
Medicine	1720	30	110	43
Nursing	104	3	6	3
Ocean/Fisheries*	89	3	6	3
Pharmacy	42	3	3	2
PHCM	193	5	13	5
Social Work	69	1	4	2
Bothell	82	5	5	3
Tacoma	122	7	7	4
TOTAL SENATORS			268+	114
Faculty Council chairs (n=14)			14	14 or fewer
College/Campus Council chairs(n=18)			0	18
President + appointees (n=3)				(7) President, Provost Senate Chair, Vice Chair, SCPB chair, FLR, DFLR
Exofficio (w/o Vote)				GPSS, ASUW, Vice-presidents, Deans & chancellors, Secretary of the Faculty

*Unit size will change if RCEPs for College of Environment are approved.

1. Senators are elected from **each School, College and Campus** (the election units) based on a simple set of allocation rules.

2. Based on numbers of voting faculty in the unit, each unit shall elect a minimum of **1 senator, plus additional senators according to a ratios of 1:40. Any fraction above the ratio will be allocated an additional senator.**
3. A minimum of one elected senator per unit preserves the Faculty Code the principle that “These senators shall be democratically selected with care that small or minority groups are assured a voice in University affairs.” 22-41.E1
4. Representation ratio is equal among all units larger than the minimum.
5. Implementation of elections utilizes organizational structures identified in the Code (ie. Colleges, Campuses, Elected School, College, Campus Faculty Councils). Each unit distributes their allotted senatorial seats in a manner determined by the elected college/campus council to best represent the faculty ‘culture’ in that unit (eg. At large, by department, by division, etc.). Distribution rules to be filed with Secretary of the Faculty.
6. Allocation would be implemented annually based on faculty count on a specific date (eg. April 10).
7. Senators would be elected for a 2-year term, with a term limit of 3 terms (6 years). Half the Schools/Colleges/Campuses would hold elections each year to allow for overlap and minimize frequency of elections. Vacancies would be filled through appointments for the remainder of the term by the Elected Faculty Council of the School/College/Campus.