

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 1:00p.m.
224 Mary Gates Hall

Council Chair Jan Sjøvik called the meeting to order at 9:37a.m.

Meeting synopsis:

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

1. Approval of agenda and review of minutes from the May 21, 2009 meeting

The agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes from the May 21, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Senate and SEC Restructure (continued discussion)

Secretary of the Faculty Marcia Killien presented the FCFA with the most recent version of the Senate and SEC Restructure with only a few minor changes, indicating the highlighted areas need further discussion. Her goal is to have a working document that will be put into legislative language over the summer so that at the first meeting in the Fall this Council can vote it up or down. If approved in the Fall, it will move on to SEC and the Senate for consideration.

Killien pointed out that this version represents roughly a 1:10 ratio in SEC-to-Senate representation model. Chair Sjøvik approved of the 10% ratio and other members supported the rationale. The Council discussed having two separate slates for SEC representative candidates and indicated Bothell and Tacoma campuses would have one allotted representative each. Additional membership from those campuses would be considered for the at-large Senate slate.

Members generally felt comfortable with the layout of columns one and three in Killien's chart. There was some discussion on the Provost and President's voting rights. Kirtley examined the Ex-Officio representatives and questioned the need for the Faculty Legislative Representative and Deputy Legislative Representative in the SEC. Killien pointed out that they typically give a status report at SEC meetings but thought perhaps they could be listed as regularly invited guests. Members discussed the issue and decided to remove the Deputy Legislative Representative. They also decided not to change the Provost's voting rights mainly for historical reasons. The FCFA decided the number of elected senators for SEC would be eleven. Kirtley moved for the chart to be adopted "as is" with the exception of the removal of the Deputy Legislative Representative and pending the drafting of the legislation over the summer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Council then discussed the selection of the nominating committee. Member Christie pointed out that there is an existing nominating committee process already in place and asked Killien if it would be possible to piggyback on that process in nominating the candidates for the SEC slate. Faculty Senate Chair David Lovell liked idea of using same committee or at least the same committee process for this task. He noted that the biggest challenge has always been finding people willing to serve. Members agreed that the Nominating Committee will be selected by the current Faculty Senate Chair. Additionally the Secretary of the Faculty will solicit nominations from among the elected senators for the coming year and prepare a list to offer to the Senate.

With regard to the SEC membership the FCFA decided that Faculty Council chairs will be invited guests and their membership will be as ex-officio members without a vote. It was decided that it would be the responsibility of Secretary of the Faculty and the Faculty Senate Chair to make sure one person each from Tacoma and Bothell campuses will be on the SEC.

The FCFA continued to discuss the Senate Restructure. The main topic of discussion was to identify voting and non-voting members. College Council Chairs and Faculty Council Chairs were subjects under consideration. Lovell supporting allowing both of these representative groups voting rights. He felt it strengthens their participation and communication in the Senate. Killien pointed out that it can be difficult to get an issue in front of a faculty council. She feels having membership with voting rights in the Senate would give them an avenue to get issues in front of the senate and on the agenda. The FCFA continued to discuss various scenarios. Ultimately it was decided that Killien would poll the faculty to see other opinions. She would provide the results of the poll to the Council when she has them. The Council felt it would be best to wait for those results and would have a final Senate Restructure proposal ready early in the Fall.

The most recent version of Senate/SEC Restructure is attached to this report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04a.m.

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Present:

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

Absent:

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

Senate Executive Committee
Proposed Structure
DRAFT (3)
Revised at FCFA 6/2/09

Exofficio, with vote (n=4) (by position)	Elected from among the Senators (n=11)	Exofficio (without vote)
University President	Elected at large from the Senate (8)	Provost
Senate Chair	Minimum of 1 from each campus (3)	Faculty Legislative Rep
Senate Vice-chair		
Senate Past chair/SCPB chair		Secretary of the Faculty
		GPSS rep
		ASUW rep
		Council Chair Liaison (1)

Summary & Key features:

*SEC would have 15 voting members (plus 7 *exofficio* without vote)

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

*Elected Senator members (n=11) would be elected by the entire voting members of the Faculty Senate from a slate of nominees selected by a nominating committee, with write-in nominations possible. SEC terms would be for 1 year, with a term limit of 3 consecutive terms. The election could occur at a Senate meeting or electronically.

* The Sec of Faculty shall solicit nominations (including self nominations) from among the elected Senators for the coming year and the Senate Chair w approval of SEC shall publish a slate reflective of the diversity of the faculty in terms of campus, school & college, type of faculty appointment, and experience.

*Faculty council chairs shall be invited guests. They shall meet as a group regularly (at least once each quarter) during the academic year with the Secretary of the Faculty and Senate Chair to discuss matters of common interest. They shall be represented on SEC (as an ex officio member without vote) by one member elected by the group of council chairs who will serve a liaison function for purposes of communication.

Faculty Senate Restructure Proposal

Unit	# Faculty	# Depts	# Senators 1:15 (Current)	Senators allocated to Schools/Colleges/Campuses 1:40 (minimum =1) (PROPOSED)
SENATORS-ELECTED				
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 (CFR)	2 (will have 3 total if Ocean/Fisheries moves to CoEnv)
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
EX OFFICIO (w Vote)				
College/Campus Council chairs or designee (n=18)			0	18
President			1	1
Senate Chair			?	1
Senate Vice chair			?	1
SCPB Chair			?	1
FLR			?	1
EX OFFICIO (w/o vote)				
Faculty Council chairs			14	14 or fewer
GPSS & ASUW			2	2
Deans & Chancellors			18	18
Secretary of the Faculty			1	1

Vice-Presidents who are faculty			?	?
Deputy Leg. Rep			?	1
Provost			1	1

*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 bi-annually (during designated election year for each unit) 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 consecutive 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 by the elected faculty council of the School/College/Campus for the remainder of the unexpired term.
8. Election of senators **shall be coordinated** by the Office of University Committees *(but may be implemented by each School/College/Campus)*
9. **Faculty residing in departments with dual-college assignment shall be counted ??? (eg. Bioengineering; Global Health)**