

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 8:30 a.m.
26 Gerberding Hall

Council Chair Rich Christie called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting synopsis:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes
 2. Senate and SEC restructure (continued discussion)
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1. Approval of agenda and minutes

The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

2. Senate and SEC restructure

Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs (FCFA) Chair Rich Christie began discussion with a review of the results of the Catalyst survey he had distributed as a means of helping to resolve final questions and issues related to the structure of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).

Results of the survey indicated that most FCFA members recommended that there should be three Faculty Council chairs with designated positions on the SEC and that they should be selected through elections. Given the designation of three Faculty Council chairs on the SEC, there was a preference of including eight additional members, to be nominated by the SEC and elected from the Senate. The survey also indicated a preference that there be a *Code* requirement that each campus be represented on the SEC. Representation on the SEC in general, other than that specified for the campuses, should be defined by a guiding statement to be made in the Faculty Code, without specific groups identified.

FCFA preferences in the survey were clear cut with the exception of whether nominations should be from the SEC or by a Nominating Committee. The relatively narrow preference for nominations from the SEC was affirmed by the meeting after some further discussion of pros and cons. In the end the simplicity of having the SEC do nominations was the deciding factor. The FCFA therefore adopted the preferred options described above for the structure of the SEC.

Attention was then directed to draft revision number five of Section 22 of the Faculty Code where the principles concurred upon above were drafted into Code language – resulting in draft revision number six. FCFA reviewed all of the revised legislative language related to SEC structure, and associated justification remarks. The issue of meetings called by SEC members or a portion of the Senate, or a portion of faculty was discussed again at length. The provision, located elsewhere in the Faculty Code, that 10% of the faculty can call for a meeting of the faculty helped achieve a consensus on this section.

With the concurrence of those present Chair Christie said that he would distribute draft revision number six to the entire Council membership for a vote on whether to transmit the proposal to the SEC for its first consideration as Class A legislation at its January 11 meeting. If a majority of FCFA members feels this proposal is ready for SEC consideration, the final meeting of the FCFA (December 15) would be canceled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes by Susan Folk slfolk@u.washington.edu

Present:

Regular: Astley, Christie, O'Brien, Phillips, Ricker, Sjøvik,
Ex Officio: Corbett
Guests: Killien

Absent:

Regular: Bryant-Bertail, Carline, Di Stefano, Kirtley, Scheuer, Wilcock
President's Designee: Cameron
Ex Officio: Padvorac, Vallier