

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
142 Gerberding Hall

Council Chair Rich Christie called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Meeting synopsis:

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes
2. Update on Senate action on Senate Restructuring at first consideration
3. Update on Librarian Status – John Valier
4. Faculty Council representation when Faculty Groups are deleted – Faculty Code Section 42-32
5. Concerns about College RCEP (Section 26-41) including expression of concern by the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB).

1. Approval of agenda and minutes

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

2. Update on Senate action on Senate Restructuring at first consideration

Council Chair Rich Christie reported that the Faculty Senate, at its meeting of January 28, 2010, had approved the Senate Restructure proposal for second consideration of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). In the meantime, the current legislation has been sent to the President and to the Advisory Committee on Faculty Code and Regulations for review, and it is in response to suggestions from the President and the Committee that the SEC can revise the legislation on second consideration. The legislation will then go to the Senate for a final “up or down” vote. If approved by the Senate, the legislation will be distributed to all voting faculty for a vote. If approved by the faculty, then final approval of the President will enact the legislation.

Council members who had been present at the January 28 Senate meeting congratulated Christie on his effective presentation of this very complex legislation to Senators, many of whom were not aware of the legislation, let alone the reasons leading to its drafting. The next challenge will be finding ways to present this proposal to the faculty as a whole.

3. Update on Librarian Status – John Valier

Association of Librarians of the University of Washington (ALUW) ex officio representative on FCFA John Vallier reported that he was in the process of gathering information requested at the previous meeting from members of the ALUW regarding the proposal that librarians be granted status as faculty. It is on the agenda for an ALUW meeting later in the quarter and Vallier hopes to have more to report to FCFA by the end of February. He also hopes to have more information on the transition that WSU librarians made by converting to faculty status four years ago. He encouraged FCFA members to contact him if there are particular questions they would want him to pursue.

4. Faculty Council representation when Faculty Groups are deleted

Christie reported that Secretary of the Faculty Marcia Killien had asked him for Council advice on any legislative action that may need to be taken regarding Faculty Code Section 42-32 (Appointment of Faculty Councils) in the event that the Senate Restructure legislation, abolishing Faculty Groups, is enacted. Although one option would be to finding wording similar to that used for encouraging broad representation on the Senate Executive Committee, the Council finally advised that Christie contact the Chair of the Faculty Council on University Libraries for her recommendation.

5. Concerns about College RCEP

Over the past year, the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences (COFS) has been systematically moved, school by school, into the College of the Environment through newly revised procedures for the Reorganization, Consolidation and Elimination of Programs (RCEP). With all of its programs now housed within the new College of the Environment, RCEP procedures are now underway to eliminate COFS. The

Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB) is the faculty committee charged with overseeing the RCEP process, and, having witnessed the working of the new procedures over the past year, they have drawn up a list of concerns (distributed at the meeting) that they would like FCFA to consider and perhaps draft appropriate Code changes that would address those concerns. The concerns stem from the sense that the process takes too long and is too cumbersome – and that by the time the process actually starts, the decision has already been made.

Christie informed the Council that David Lovell, Chair of SCPB, will be a guest at the next FCFA meeting, but in the meantime, he suggested it would be helpful if the Council were to consider the list of concerns and propose questions that could guide the discussion with Lovell at the next meeting. Questions suggested include:

- If these rules had been in place when programs were being identified for possible inclusion in the new College of the Environment, would these concerns have been an issue? Would the outcomes have been different?
- Who else could provide insight on these concerns? The former COFS Dean?
- What is the background and context for the formulation of SCPB concerns?
- Who are the unhappy parties? Could FCFA arrange to hear from them?

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes by Susan Folk sfolk@u.washington.edu

Present:

Regular:	Astley, Christie, Kirtley, Phillips, Ricker, Sjøvik
President's Designee:	Cameron
Ex Officio:	Corbett, Vallier
Guests:	Alex Bolton, new Council Support Analyst

Absent:

Regular:	Bryant-Bertail, Carline, Di Stefano, O'Brien, Scheuer, Wilcock
Ex Officio:	Padvorac