

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs
Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
26 Gerberding Hall

Council Chair Rich Christie did not call the meeting to order due to a lack of quorum

Meeting synopsis:

1. Freedom of Speech Protection
 2. FCFA Procedure re quorum
 3. College level RCEP
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1. Freedom of Speech protection

Faculty Senate Chair Balick shared that Gary Rhoades from the AAUP discovered that the Faculty Code does not provide for any protection for freedom of speech. Balick feels this caught many people by surprise. The AAUP will put a template forward that will likely be similar to Minnesota.

2. FCFA Procedure re quorum

The Council discussed possible FCFA quorum issues due to recent quorum issues. The Council considered historic FCFA quorum policies as well as other Faculty Council and group policies. The policy for quorum changed one year ago. Chair Christie shared that he would like to have a policy in which members that have a conflict for a quarter to be "on leave" from the Council and not count toward quorum. Whatever wording is agreed to in the future will go in the minutes as the Council's policy. Sjåvik shared that the Council is the largest that it has ever been in his memory and shared the background of FCFA's membership sizes. There was also discussion of having the policy be similar to that of the Faculty Senate.

3. College Level RCEP

Chair Christie updated the Council on the work being done on RCEP. He shared that he will be working on a redraft with Secretary of the Faculty Killien over the summer. The Council discussed the issue and possible recommendations. Some on the Council feel that one problem with the current system is how it doesn't currently address mergers very well and ways that could possibly be addressed.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was ended at 10:20 a.m.

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Present:

Regular:	Christie (Chair) Astley, O'Brien, Phillips, Ricker, Sjåvik
President's Designee:	Cameron
Ex Officio:	Corbett
Guests:	Balick, Harrington

Absent:

Regular:	Bryant-Bertail, Carline, Di Stefano, Kirtley, Scheuer, Wilcock
Ex Officio:	Padvorac, Vallier