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Good afternoon. Welcome to the first Faculty Senate meeting of the Winter Quarter 2007. Today we move into our own legislative work. For the first time this year, we will consider Class A legislation. Class A legislation amends the Faculty Code, Volume 2 of the University Handbook. It requires two votes by the Faculty Senate and today will constitute the first vote. Our legislation today comes to us from the Faculty Council on TriCampus Policy and was passed to the Senate from the Senate Executive Committee. As you know, the Bothell and Tacoma campuses received their first entering freshman class this fall and the movement of each campus into the realm of a four-year campus requires us to examine how those campuses are treated in the Faculty Code. Marcia Killien, chair of the Faculty Council on TriCampus Policy will provide background for the legislation.

We will also consider two Class C resolutions today. One of those Class C resolutions comes to us from the Senate's Special Committee on Legislative Matters and the Senate Executive Committee. This resolution asks us to adopt a legislative agenda, something the Senate has done in the past but not in recent years. As the legislative session in Olympia is now under way, this Class C resolution is timely. David Lovell, Faculty Legislative Representative, will provide background for this legislation. The second Class C resolution concerns Student Lobby Day. This is an annual request from the Associated Students of the University of Washington and the Graduate and Profession Student Senate asking the faculty to encourage their participation in a visit to the legislature.

At the next Senate meeting, on March 1, we are likely to see legislation coming from at least two other councils. First, the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs is planning to bring forward legislation on how we select a Secretary of the Faculty. This will be Class A legislation. Second, the Faculty Council on Educational Outreach appears to be ready to bring forward legislation on whether we continue to note a "distance learning" designation on student transcripts when students take courses within the typical quarter time frame. This will be Class B legislation, legislation that amends other volumes of the University Handbook. Looking toward the Spring Quarter, we are likely to see legislation on a merit

addition to our current salary policy. We are also likely to have a discussion about possible changes in Executive Order 64, more familiarly known as the 2% policy.

Finally, the Secretary of the Faculty, Donna Kerr, has resigned. She is now on special assignment to the President's Office. Gerry Philipsen, Professor of Communication, and former Faculty Senate Chair, has agreed to serve as Secretary of the Faculty. We offer our thanks to Donna for her service and a warm welcome to Gerry. Gerry still has obligations set before this appointment and so will be delayed in arriving at today's meeting. I will introduce him when he does arrive. In his place, he has deputized Jan Sjøvik, Chair of the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs and Professor of Scandinavian Studies, to take today's minutes. I look forward to a productive meeting today, and we'll move next to the report from the Provost.