

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Room 142, Gerberding Hall
2:30 p.m., Monday, 23 February 2004

Present: Senate Chair Wadden and Vice Chair Heath; President Huntsman; Group Representatives, Stecher-Hansen (I), Pace (II), Buck (IV), Gile (V), Tanimoto (VI), Scheuer (VII), Lovell (VIII); Secretary of the Faculty Vaughn; Faculty Council Chairs Plumb (FCAS), Erdly (FCEO), Gillis-Bridges (FCET), Carline (FCIQ), Kiyak (FCR), Schwartz and Pace (FCSA), Schaufelberger (FCUFS), Killien (FCTCP), Martin (FCUL); UW Bothell Representative Krishnamurthy, UW Tacoma Representative Kalton; Acting Provost Thorud, Assistant to the President Niccolls.

Absent: Group Representatives, Swanson (III), Johnson (VII)*, UW Faculty Council Chairs O'Neill (FCFA)*, Brandt (FCRIB)*, Seifer (FCUR); Faculty Legislative Representative Stygall*, Special Committee Chair Krieger-Brockett (SCFW), ASUW Representative Goodnight, GPSS Representative Harrison.

Guest: Vice Chair Elect Ashley Emery

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved.

Remarks from the Chair – Douglas Wadden, Chair, Faculty Senate

Wadden first noted some process concerns that had been raised about the Tri-Campus Executive Order. He also explained that the Presidential/Faculty Senate Taskforce process will be spread out over more time and expanded. Many of the spring tasks will still take place, however, such as Saturday's planned task force meeting. It is likely that there will not be a report until the fall term. Regardless of these changes, it is still an ambitious schedule. Marcia Killien, Chair, FCTCP, Michael Kalton UW Tacoma Representative and Carolyn Plumb, Chair, FCAS, raised concerns about both the Executive Order process and the Tri-Campus Task force. Wadden assured both that FCTCP as well as the Tacoma and Bothell campuses are and will be a part of these processes. Heath added that because of the requirement that the Regents approve this effort, the order of the conversations was controlled by that requirement and the President's wishes in handling this effort; it is not solely a Senate initiative although we are deeply involved. Huntsman expressed the hope that it will be clear across all three campuses that the job of the taskforce is to list options, not make decisions, and that there will be multiple points at which everyone can provide input.

Next, Wadden highlighted efforts moving us forward on athletic department issues. As with the tri-campus issues, these efforts will also involve faculty councils. Previously, he profiled the need for the faculty, and the Faculty Senate, to describe our interests in intercollegiate athletics. We are the only faculty in the Pac-10 that has not engaged in the discussion

generated by the Coalition for Athletic Reform. It has been embraced by most AAU universities. It is an agenda that we must consider, and he is scheduling it for discussion in the spring at the Senate. Before this, it will be discussed in Faculty Councils and other bodies. Discussions will involve student performance, the athletic culture and its relation to the institution. In the spring, there will be some informational sessions to start, and Wadden and Heath have contacted a number of individuals on campus about their views on this matter and their thoughts about reform efforts. Discussion topics, for example, have ranged from freshman eligibility to the increasing commercialization of college athletics. Wadden emphasized that it is an inquiry and discussion independent of recent issues in the athletic program.

Report from the President – Lee Huntsman

Shifting perspectives slightly, Huntsman noted his recent return from a trip to Singapore and New Zealand. This visit ties in to the increasingly international character of UW education. Specifically, they were dealing with one government regarding the franchising of one of our laboratory efforts. It was amazing to him to hear of the development of serious discussion of the strategic role of higher education in the countries they visited as well as other international representatives they talked to during this trip. Many of these countries are imitating our research university model, which we tend to take for granted, and these imitative efforts are in turn making the United States look behind.

Meanwhile, in Olympia, the legislature has been very concerned with higher education. It is not clear if there will be material progress, although the sales tax deferral was renewed for research facilities. Other discussions have gone moderately well. He highlighted the inclusion of strategic planning language in a Senate bill directed to the HEC Board and JLARK. The latest house budget bill still retains language regarding a four-year presence for Bothell. There should be a senate bill regarding performance contracts, and the expectation of the two budget bills is that they will be very different. At this point, it is not clear how this session will end but the hope is that we will be set up for a good working session next year. The League of Education Voters is now out with its initiative, seeking to put it on the ballot in November. The proposed one cent sales tax increase would raise about one billion dollars per year for education at all levels. This would be a 30% increase in the amount of funds generated for higher education in this state. Opinions vary widely as to whether it will pass. Huntsman reminded all present about the legal restrictions on our ability to push this proposal forward, and particularly noted that we are barred from using state resources.

Steve Olswang has been named interim chancellor at Tacoma. This is in addition to the interim appointments of Betty Feetham at the Graduate School, and Dick Thompson to the Athletic Department. As it pertains to the latter, he sees at least two foci. One is to fix what's wrong, but this should not obscure the "seismic shift" that is taking place in thinking about college athletic departments. There are many big developments such as a discussion of the "hot issue" of post-season football. Thus, athletics is "hot" not just because of our internal issues but because of the changes taking place externally.

Report from the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting – Ross Heath, Chair, SCPB and Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate

The group has met twice since the last SEC meeting. One discussion has been problems with the 40% recapture program, because it is no longer self-funding. Compression and inflation in starting salaries have meant that the remaining 60% cannot fund new junior positions. There is a debate about how we can solve this. SCPB has endorsed a limited

RCEP for two departments in the School of Dentistry. There has been some discussion of the current budget, although there is not a lot of money on the table. Revisions to Chapter 26: Reorganization, Consolidation and Elimination of Programs (RCEP) have been circulated to the SCPB. Heath explained the background for the document, noting that recent RCEPs have been driven by programmatic concerns rather than financial ones, the original expectation. This new proposal is grounded in a planning perspective, and Heath hopes that members will feel free to submit comments about the draft before it is submitted as legislation for a first reading.

The group has also been discussing tuition policy setting. SCPB is trying to get a formal understanding of all of the variables that lead to the setting of an actual tuition figure.

Report on Legislative Affairs – Gail Stygall, Faculty Legislative Representative

Stygall was not able to be present, and Wadden read an e-mail update on issues before the legislature, focusing on the off-shore proposal, funding and oversight issues, as well as student discipline issues.

Report from the Secretary of the Faculty – Lea Vaughn

1. Electronic nominations: Vaughn reminded members that the Council Nomination form has been sent to all faculty, and asked the chairs to inform her of their plans.
2. Vaughn explained the RCEP revision packet that had been distributed, and asked that any comments or questions be sent to Faculty Senate leadership.

Nominations and Appointments

None.

Information

a. Wadden announced that he will be putting together some information packets regarding athletic reform issues. He noted that the web address for the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics is <http://www.Indiana.edu/~bfc/COIA/COIA.html>.

b. Seelye Martin, Chair, Faculty Council on University Libraries, made a presentation about contract problems we are having with Elsevier Publishing which provides the majority of our scientific journals in a bundled contract. We cannot cancel individual subscriptions within the package, and the total cost of the contract, \$1,415,097, represents about 21% of our serials expenditures. Many of the publications are bio-medical. The Director of the Libraries will make a presentation at the next Senate meeting. A list of the publications will be available at our website. Huntsman added that the rising costs of all journals have been a hot topic among provosts for the last several years. The corporate publishers are regarded with a great deal of distrust. There is a growing perception that the expanded need for academic publishing in the face of growing costs is unsustainable and places much academic publishing at risk. Our contract is jointly held with WSU, and the major difference is the veterinary journals for WSU. The contract expires December, 2005 and the contract duration is two years so we have plenty of time to discuss this before the contract is re-negotiated. Martin said that at this point, the Senate presentation will be informational.

Class A Legislation: Senate Term Changes and SCPB Leadership**a. Class A Legislation: First Consideration – Policy regarding the Terms of Faculty Senate Officers; Volume Two, Part II, Chapter 22, Section 22-53 Election of Senate Officers.**

Wadden explained the background and rationale for the legislation. It will make more sense for Faculty Senate officers to start somewhat earlier in the summer so that they can undertake better planning. Part of the reason for the selection of the August 1 date is that there is no Board of Regents meeting in August and this will give the incoming officers more time to prepare for the academic year without the pressure of a Regents' Meeting.

Approved.

b. Class A Legislation: First Consideration – Policy regarding the Chair of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting; Volume Two, Part II, Chapter 22, Section 22-91 Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting

Again, Wadden explained the rationale for the legislation. Regardless of what changes are made to the budget process at the University, the SCPB still remains the faculty body for budget discussions. Both Wadden and Heath have observed that it is difficult for a new incoming vice chair to chair the SCPB and set the agenda given the steep learning curve. This means that the first year of the vice chair term, the incoming person could familiarize themselves with the agenda. While it extends the obligation of the Faculty Senate Chair, that person already sits on the SCPB and the UBC the year after being Senate chair, and will give greater continuity and background for the task. Heath endorsed Wadden's comments and added that it will contribute to the effectiveness of SCPB. It will also free up time for the Vice Chair to get up to speed on other issues, and encourage the development of a good working relationship between the Senate officers.

Approved.

Class B: Term of Deputy Legislative Representative**Class B Legislation: Policy Regarding the term of Deputy Legislative Representative; Volume Two, Part IV, Chapter 44, Section 44-31 Faculty Legislative and Deputy Representative**

Wadden explained that we have shifted down to have only a Faculty Legislative Representative during the short session rather than having both Legislative and Deputy Legislative representatives. What this means is that we need to have this in the *Faculty Code*. Vaughn explained the way in which the proposal retains flexibility and discretion for the Senate in deciding how to staff these two positions in the face of changing circumstances. Wadden also explained that it has potential cost savings. Steve Buck, Group IV Representative, added a friendly amendment that was accepted: "The Senate may, in alternate years during the legislative non-budget sessions, choose whether to appoint a Deputy Legislative Representative." **Approved.**

Announcements

1. Wadden responded to e-mail questions regarding the last Faculty Senate meeting regarding the end of the discussion on part-time lecturers. Wadden stated that he had received a non-debatable motion to call the question. This left him with no discretion to continue the discussion. Thus, he did not mean to be abrupt and asked that group representatives explain this to senators. Then, as it turned out, we had lost out quorum during the discussion of the AAUP resolution regarding the presidential search. This issue had been put on the agenda in the order it was received. The lack of the quorum, which became apparent during the vote, ended the meeting. He did not want it to appear that he was manipulating the meeting by calling a quorum, thus he had let discussion continue. The point is that we did have a full discussion of the issue, and Jim Gregory (History) was able to present the issue to the Regents. Wadden felt this was the best given the logistics and politics of the situation. In the future, we will establish the quorum before we vote.
2. The committee on annual faculty lectureships is accepting nominations.

New Business

Agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting is approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Lea B. Vaughn, Secretary of the Faculty
APPROVED BY: Douglas B. Wadden, Chair, Faculty Senate