

MINUTES FOR SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 9, 2006, 2:30 p.m.
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Present: Gail Stygall, Dan Luchtel, Mark Emmert, Phyllis Wise, Hala Annabi, John Schaufelberger, Blayne Heckel, Apurva Jain, Robert Breidenthal, Susan Astley, Eric Stern, Nanci Murphy, Steve Collins, Marcy Stein, Donna Kerr, David Lovell, George Dillon, Margaret Rogers, Werner Kaminsky, Jan Sjøvik, Gerald Baldasty, Sumit Roy, Cathryn Booth-Laforce, Brian Fabien, Marcia Killien, Bruce Balick, Charles Wilkinson, Kathy Gill, Ashley Emery, Cullen White.

Absent: Robert Bowen, J.W. Harrington, Sandra Silberstein.

1. Approval of Agenda. **Approved.**
2. Approval of Minutes of the 5 May 2006 Senate Executive Committee Meeting and 25 May 2006 Faculty Senate meeting. **Approved.**
3. Opening Remarks from the Chair.
Gail Stygall, Chair of the Faculty Senate.
Professor Stygall said that some issues we will face this year include questions about the ownership and control of electronic teaching materials, alternatives to the current faculty salary policy, and a reconsideration of the current policy on the Reorganization, Consolidation and Elimination of Programs.
4. Report from the President.
Mark A. Emmert, President.
President Emmert highlighted several issues:
 - EVP Weldon Ihrig has announced his intention to retire at the end of this fiscal year;
 - Harlan Patterson has stepped down as the Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting and Gary Quarfoth is serving as the Interim Director of Planning and Budgeting.
 - The University needs to find a way to close the \$4,000 per student funding gap – an issue on which the President intends to focus on this year.
 - The way the capital budget is funded is inappropriate given the character of the University;
 - The University must find ways to provide better access for our students;
 - Work is going on to develop a plan for the utilization of the Safeco Building;
 - The “North of 45th” Group has issued an excellent report;
 - The Sound Transit and the 520 debates continue. We need a better transit system and the UW is supportive of improved transit, but if issues are not handled well, the University could be facing a disastrous situation.
5. Report from the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting.
Ashley F. Emery, Immediate Past Chair and Committee Chair.
Professor Emery reported that Provost Wise and Interim Director of Planning and Budgeting Gary Quarfoth did a presentation at SCPB on the budget and that Dean Patricia Wahl presented a request for that there be a RCEP (Reorganization, Consolidation or Elimination Proposal) process to consider the elimination of Pathobiology.

6. Report on Legislative Affairs.
David Lovell, Faculty Legislative Representative.
Professor Lovell reported on the Prosperity Partnership and Washington Learns. The Prosperity Partnership is interested in the increase of the production of undergraduate degrees in high-demand fields. Washington Learns is, among other things, working to redefine the peer group with Washington is to be compared for purposes of funding higher education. Specifically, it is developing a new set of "global challenge" states. Among these, Washington ranks last in access to a college education.
7. Report from the Secretary of the Faculty.
Donna H. Kerr, Secretary of the Faculty.
In deference to the crowded agenda, Professor Kerr did not present a report.
8. Group Representatives: Concerns and Issues.
Professor Stygall introduced this agenda item, in order to bring issues not being addressed in the Faculty Councils. Today Eric Stern expressed his concern about the campus shuttle between Harborview and the main campus, which has no seat belts. Professor Stern's concern was referred to the Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services.
Susan Astley raised a concern about the Faculty Effort Certification. We need guidelines regarding how faculty can, for example, write grants and serve on doctoral committees. Professor Cathryn Booth-LaForce, chair of the Faculty Council on Research, reported on the initiatives at the school and departmental level. Professor Astley observed that there had been no report back after the FEC training.
9. Nominations and Appointments.
Action: Approve for Faculty Senate consideration, nominees for Faculty Councils and Committees.
{Exhibit A} The nominations were approved.
10. Reports from Councils and Committees
Faculty Council on Research
Create Special Committee on Interdisciplinary Research – Cathryn Booth-LaForce, Council Chair.
Professor Booth-LaForce presented a resolution from the Faculty Council on Research to form a special committee to make recommendations regarding institutional change in the support of interdisciplinary research.

The SEC approved the establishment of a special subcommittee of the Faculty Council on Research interdisciplinary research, without staff support and with the mandate in the attached document and with the understanding that the chair of the FCR will form the committee from a combination of FCR members and others in the University with familiarity with issues related to interdisciplinary research.
11. Information.
Text Book Prices – Gerald Baldasty, Council Chair, Instructional Quality.
Professor Baldasty proposed inviting the CEO of the University Book Store be invited to address the Faculty Senate to talk about ways to keep costs of textbooks down. The SEC concurred.
12. Announcements.
Nominations are being sought for the position of Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate. Nominations should go to Nancy Bradshaw at <bradsn@u.washington.edu>.
13. New Business.
 - a. **Discussion:** State Route 520 Expansion. Aaron Hoard, Deputy Director of Regional Affairs.
Details at <http://www.washington.edu/faculty/facsen/issues.html>.
Numerous questions were raised regarding the scale, noise, general impact on the University, and the project's likely affect of merely increasing traffic without improving the transit of persons.

Chair Kathy Gill of University Relations will likely propose a Class C resolution that includes a call for mitigations. Chair Bruce Balik noted that enormity and speed of this issue makes it impossible for University Facilities and Services to respond intelligently.

- b. **Action:** Approve the October 26, 2006 Faculty Senate agenda for distribution to faculty.
{Exhibit B} The agenda was approved.

14. Adjournment. **The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.**

PREPARED BY: Donna H. Kerr, Secretary of the Faculty

APPROVED BY: Gail Stygall, Chair, Faculty Senate

Faculty Council and Committee Nominations:**Academic Standards**

Susanna Cunningham, Group 8, Biobehavioral Nursing & Health Systems, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Jay Johnson, Group 6, Forest Resources, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Benefits and Retirement

Robert Bowen, Group 5, Accounting, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009 and as Chair, 2006-2008.

Steven Demorest, Group 2, Music, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Educational Technology

Deborah Maranville, Group 5, Law, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Instructional Quality

Eugene Edgar, Group 5, Education, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Debbie Ward, Group 8, Psychosocial & Community Health, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Tri-campus Policy

Marcia Killien, Group 8, Family and Child Nursing, as Chair, 2006-2007.

University Facilities and Services

Ronald Moore, Group 4, Philosophy, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

University Libraries

Bill Seaburg, Group 9, UW Bothell, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Cathy Tashiro, Group 10, UW Tacoma, Nursing, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

Charles Wilkinson, Group 7, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, as Chair, 2006-2008.

Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting

James Gregory, Group 4, History, for a term September 16, 2006 – September 15, 2009.

**AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2006
Gowen Hall, Room 301, 2:30 p.m.**

1. Faculty Senate Orientation – Professor Donna H. Kerr, Secretary of the Faculty.
2. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda.
3. Introductory Comments – Professor Gail Stygall, Chair, Faculty Senate.
4. Report of the President / Opportunity for Questions – President Mark A. Emmert.
5. Report from the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting – Professor Ashley F. Emery, Committee Chair.
6. Legislative Report – Professor David Lovell, Faculty Legislative Representative.
7. Summary of Executive Committee Actions and Upcoming Issues and Actions of October 9, 2006.
8. Announcements.
9. Requests for Information.
Senators are encouraged to submit requests for information in writing to the Senate Chair prior to meetings. Responses will be provided by the appropriate persons.
10. Nominations and Appointments.
Action: Approve nominees for Faculty Councils and Committees.
11. Memorial Resolution.
12. New Business.
Motions involving Class C actions should be available in written form by incorporation in the agenda or distribution at the meeting. It is preferable that any resolution be submitted to the Senate Chair and Secretary of the Faculty no later than the Monday preceding a Senate meeting.
13. Adjournment.

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APPROVED BY: Gail Stygall, Chair, Faculty Senate

NOTE: *If a continuation meeting is necessary, it will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Gowen 301*