Meeting Synopsis:

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2. Approve minutes from Nov 2009 FCR meeting

3. Announcements/Discussion- New Meeting Time for Next Quarter and Voting Rights for Ex-Officio Members

4. Requests for Information and Updates

5. New Business
   a. FCR review of Research Contract with Army Center for the Professional Military Ethic, R. Stenkamp
   b. Aligning the administrative and faculty processes for accepting classified/restricted/proprietary research into the University, JW Poland, Facility Security Officer, Office of Research

6. Discussion of Research Faculty Issues – How to respond to David Lovell’s presentation

7. Adjournment

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1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. The agenda was approved.

2. Approve minutes from Nov 2009 FCR meeting

The November 18, 2009 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Announcements/Discussion- New Meeting Time for Next Quarter and Voting Rights for Ex-Officio Members

FCR discussed meeting on Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays during Winter Quarter. Council members agreed to make this change. The Council will meet on Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays in Winter Quarter, switching back to Wednesdays in the spring.

Voting Council members unanimously voted to extend voting rights to the ex-officio members.

4. Requests for Information and Updates

There were no requests for information or updates.

5. New Business

a. FCR review of Research Contract with Army Center for the Professional Military Ethic

Stenkamp provided an overview of the proposed contract between the Foster School and the US Army. He referred to a number of previously distributed handouts, a memo "Re: Approval of the contract between the Foster School and the US Army," a memo from Christine Lilly of the Army to Carol Rhodes of the Office of Sponsored Programs regarding the contract, a copy of the contract, a memo from Stenkamp to Molly Carney of the Center for Leadership and Strategic Thinking Re: FCR review of contract terms, and email correspondence between Molly Carney, Stenkamp, and Chair Miller. Stenkamp explained that OSP requested that FCR review the proposed contract. His committee reviewed the proposed contract and recommends that FCR approve it. Two possible issues are the restrictions placed on publication (the contract involves project information that is controlled but unclassified) and the possibility that a foreign national may work on the project.

FCR discussed these two issues, as well as whether the project will involve export controlled information. Chronister clarified that OSP can manage this project; however, it is not typical for them to move forward with a project that features this kind of contract language. It is something of an academic freedom issue, since the contract language restricts our right to freely publish. Chronister deferred to FCR, stating that this is the Council’s decision.

FCR engaged in a wide-ranging discussion, touching on the importance of the project to the Business School, concerns over the suppression of data, and the desirability of the involvement of foreign nationals.

Chair Miller called for a vote and the Council unanimously approved the research contract.

b. Aligning the Administrative and Faculty Processes for Accepting Classified/Restricted/Proprietary Research into the University

Poland introduced himself and his office. His office reviews classified research and his role is to protect national security information on campus. His office has also taken an interest in sensitive unclassified material. He works closely with OSP.

Poland provided insight into the federal regulations surrounding classified contracts. He gave examples of what can happen to individuals and companies who ignore or violate the regulations on export-controlled information and materials.

FCR discussed how to communicate the risks of ignoring or violating export-control regulations to the faculty.
Poland emphasized that he is available to all Principal Investigators for consultation and support. He also proactively contacts Principal Investigators.

FCR discussed the two separate, parallel processes for approving classified/restricted/proprietary research into the University. Council members discussed the different roles played by FCR and Poland’s office. FCR evaluates projects on their academic merit. Poland’s office reviews with the goal of protecting the University, supporting the P.I., and protecting the classified or export-controlled material and information.

FCR agreed that the FCR and office of research have different functions in reviewing classified/restricted/proprietary research into the University. The FCR is concerned with the academic and other issues mentioned in the faculty code, and the office of research is concerned with various aspects related to the safety of the UW. The groups need to work in parallel to satisfy different requirements.

Chair Miller thanked Poland for his presentation.

6. Discussion of Research Faculty Issues

Chair Miller introduced the topic, referencing Lovell’s handout and presentation (distributed at the Nov 18 meeting). FCR discussed whether or not the points raised were accurate and relevant.

FCR members engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of research faculty issues, including various interpretations of the Faculty Code, how these interpretations vary across departments, whether research faculty serving clinical or affiliate appointments qualify as voting faculty in the Senate, funding imbalances, the paid vacation issue, how research faculty are expected to act like entrepreneurs, and whether research faculty are considered “real” faculty in their departments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

Minutes by Kristy Carter, Faculty Senate, kcarter4@u.washington.edu

Present: Faculty: Jain, Miller (Chair), Vogt, Roesler, Stenkamp, Spieker
President’s Designee: Lidstrom
Ex Officio Reps: Redalje, Schmidt
Guests: Camber, Chronister, Poland

Absent: Faculty: Curran, Wright, Haselkorn, Fluharty
Ex Officio Reps: Smith, Le, Fridley, Foster
Regularly Invited Guests: Gullion

Minutes were approved via E-mail, January 2010.