Meeting Synopsis:

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   c. Siting of the UW Police Station
   d. Revision of the Student Conduct Code
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1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Fabien at 1:32 p.m.

2. Updates on Various Issues
   a. HUB Renovation
Associate Vice-President for Student Life Lincoln Johnson gave an overview of the finalization of the HUB. The building is being finalized and organizations will begin to move into the building in 6 months. Johnson noted that this is a complete renovation, and that the only retained elements were the archways, as the building had to be seismically redone. There will be a slight increase in the total size of the building. There had been only a two week delay in construction. This is a result of four years of building committees, working with ASUW and GPSS and will be 80% funded by student fees, with the remainder funded by the University. Johnson handed out conceptualizations of the new HUB and commented that 95% of recycled materials from the old construction were used, and the building has a LEED Gold sustainability goal.

It was noted that despite a lot of student support, however the University is unable to accommodate having a pub within the HUB. Johnson noted space in the new HUB will be available for reserving and asked for the Faculty Senate to inform if interested. Further questions were raised on temporary trailers. The food court will be similar to the old HUB and the Bookstore, Scissor’s Edge, US Bank and Student Resources will return. The building will have a Grand Opening during Dawg Daze events. An office will be created for UW Crime Prevention. Johnson mentioned that the welcome center for admissions will be relocated to the HUB for the potential students. Also, the HUB lawn will reopen in September as drainage will be completely redone.
b. Dorm Construction
Johnson discussed the opening of Poplar Hall and Cedar Apartments, and the soon to be opened Elm and Alder Halls which will be opened in the fall. Lander Hall will close in June and will be demolished over the summer, which will be finished in Winter 2013. Johnson noted that this would increase residences on campus from 6,000 to 8,000, roughly, 85%-90% first year students live on campus. Triple-rooms are still being used and there will be no issues filling new residence rooms according to Housing and Food Services. Johnson gave an overview of the different style of rooms, and the student makeup within the residences. Visiting the new halls was suggested for the item for the next meeting. The Council was offered to visit the HUB in the late spring.

c. Citing of the UW Police Station
Johnson gave an update of the UW Police Station, which will be relocated in order for the Boat Street station. He provided the process, the analysis of different potential locations. Committee located optimal location, which was adjacent to the Ethnic Cultural Center. After emotional interaction from students and staff, another subcommittee will revisit some of the location issues due to this. This group will be coordinated by Vice President & Vice Provost for Student Life Eric Godfrey and Vice President for Minority Affairs and Diversity Sheila Edwards Lange, at the request of the President and Provost.

Evan Smith, ASUW Director of University Affairs noted that students will have an official resolution recommending against the location adjacent to the ECC. Questions arose on the timing of this project, concerns raised upon being rushed to make a decision. Johnson noted that Rebecca Barnes would be the best to discuss this, and thought that this won’t be too significant on the timeline.

d. Odegaard Library Renovation
Evan Smith provided discussion regarding the Odegaard Library renovation. All the draft models have been mocked-up, and Jill McKinstry has been providing presentations. The library will be closed in June, and the main idea is to decrease the size of the staircase in order to gain access to more space. Funding for the first phase of this project has already been approved by Washington State Legislature. The item of greatest debate is regarding the skylight, but the most popular request is to maintain a quiet 3rd floor. Odegaard is the only 24 hour library on campus, and discussions have been following where 24 hour service could be located. Smith noted that the new furniture will be highly moveable, and more electrical outlets will be available for student adaptation of these new spaces. The new library will continue to have classrooms, meeting rooms, labs and the recording studio.

e. Revision of the Student Conduct Code
The revised Student Conduct Code was presented to the Senate Executive Committee. Some concerns were expressed due to the language in the new Student Conduct Code, in order to ensure alignment of definitions with the Faculty Code, which is currently being investigated. The Faculty Appeals Board, composition of, and assignments will need to be investigated, and such policy will have to be clarified within the Student Conduct Code.

Fabien noted support of the revision at the SEC meeting, as members agreed that it was time to update
the Conduct Code. Other questions arose on the implementation, and Fabien discussed the timeline, hoping to have this rolled out in September 2012. Fabien noted that students are one of the main drivers of these revisions. It was requested that the language be easier to read and interpret, and this was confirmed to be one of the major catalysts for this revision. Fabien commented that significant hurdles remain, but expressed optimism with the process.

3. Approval of Minutes
The February meeting minutes were approved without changes.

4. ASUW / GPSS Report
GPSS representative Will Scott noted that GPSS action has primarily been regarding the State budget. Smith commented that ASUW has been working with GPSS regarding the budget. Smith informed of efforts to increase student involvement, in order for students to work with schools on budgeting. ASUW is working to establish an advisory mechanism for Deans and College Chairs to have access to student opinions and voice. Smith noted that he found a course fee mechanism, and ASUW discovered that this hadn’t been used in four years. Discussion followed on the necessity of self-sustaining programs due to lack of funding by the state.

Smith noted that ASUW passed a resolution opposing differential tuition and ASUW provided a list of principles and requests regarding differential tuition. The benefits and challenges of differential tuition was then discussed, especially with the new ABB budgeting model, however the structure is different than the broader University approach of access to all courses. Questions arose if statistics are being gathered regarding the enrollment (or lack) of first-generation students in programs with differential tuition. Also mentioned was the tension between offering slots on STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) compared to liberal arts degrees. Smith noted that ASUW elections begin April 6th, and will be voted in May.

5. New Business
Fabien brought up University responsibilities regarding female students which had recently experienced an attempted rape off-campus. Johnson was asked what happens with such victims. Student Life also can assist students if they wish to move to another residence, and the Counseling Center is also on standby and reaches out to students after the incident. Health and Wellness within Student Life reaches out on how to interact with faculty member and the situation is discussed with parents. The role of Health and Wellness in negotiating with faculty members, regarding final tests, papers and otherwise for such students was unclear, ultimately being responsibility of the faculty members.

6. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. by Chair Fabien.

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Present: Faculty: Fabien (Chair), Burke, Berninger
President’s Designee: Johnson
Ex-Officio Reps: Christenberry, Scott, Jones Wiles, Smith

Absent: Faculty: Bailkin, Schwartz