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FACULTY COUNCIL ON TRI-CAMPUS POLICY

The Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy met at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in 36 Gerberding Hall. Chair Marcia Killien presided.

PRESENT: Professors Killien (chair), Barsness and Stein;
Ex officio members Bellamy, Chen, Fugate, James, Laverty, Nelson and Tenenberg;

ABSENT: Professor Behler, Leppa and Schwartz;
Ex officio members Emery and Stygall.

Synopsis

1. Approval of the minutes of November 18, 2004.
3. Three campus curriculum coordination.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

Disabilities Minor Proposal

THE FACULTY COUNCIL ON TRI-CAMPUS POLICY EXPRESSED UNAMBIGUOUS APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN DISABILITY STUDIES TO BE LOCATED IN LAW, SOCIETIES, AND JUSTICE IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON / SEATTLE.

Killien gave a brief background of the proposal’s review progress. “This is one of the new proposals coming to us in the absence of a new process. The proposal was sent by Faculty Senate Chair Ross Heath to me with the request that FCTCP review it [to see that it did indeed go through the appropriate tri-campus review process]. Heath also sent the proposal to the chancellors at UW Tacoma and UW Bothell. At the same time, the president also sent it to the chancellors, but not directly to faculty heads at UW Tacoma and UW Bothell. In January, I contacted heads of faculty organizations at UW Bothell and UW Tacoma, and asked if their curriculum review bodies had received the proposals and would respond with any comments about the proposal. I was told that UW Tacoma is revising its review process; I emphasized that FCTCP needed any comments that might have by today [by January 11th].”

Laverty, Vice Chair, General Faculty Organization at UW Bothell, was able to have their review completed by the Executive Committee of GFO and sent E-mail comments to Killien which were all positive. Bob Jackson, Chair of Faculty Assembly at UW Tacoma, was not clear about who should review the proposal and sent an E-mail to all UW Tacoma faculty asking them to comment directly to Killien by January 11th. No comments were received.

The council directed Killien to write a summary of these reviews to Senate Chair Heath stipulating that faculty at UW Bothell and UW Tacoma had been given the opportunity to comment on the proposal and that we recommended its approval, based on the positive comments and lack of any objections. Killien will also suggest that the three-campus curricular review process could still be clearer. She will send the council’s approval (of the process for this proposal) to Ross Heath, who in turn will send the council’s approval to the president. The president will then make his decision on the proposal.

Three-campus curricular coordination – Marcia Killien
THE FACULTY COUNCIL ON TRI-CAMPUS POLICY RECOMMENDS THAT THE THREE-CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR REVIEW PROCEDURES – WHICH WERE ENDORSED BY THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2005 – BE PLACED IN AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE OF THE FACULTY SENATE, AND THAT THE PROCEDURES, ALONG WITH A COVER LETTER BY THE CHAIR OF THE FACULTY SENATE OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, BE SENT TO HEADS OF FACULTY ORGANIZATIONS AT ALL THREE CAMPUSES, TO CURRICULAR REVIEW BODIES, TO CHANCELLORS, AND TO ACADEMIC PLANNING DIRECTORS AT ALL THREE CAMPUSES.

Killien informed the council that FCTCP recommendations had not been dealt with [prior to yesterday’s Faculty Senate Meeting], and that Ross Heath wanted to take action to get the three-campus curricular review process into place. Killien and Heath reviewed the 6/2/2004 FCTCP-approved review procedures, and Heath made a few editorial changes. Killien found that none of his changes raised concerns over substantive language. (See attached document endorsed by SEC.)

The Senate Executive Committee, as mentioned, endorsed the review procedures – as revised by Ross Heath – at its January 10, 2005 meeting. The issue “generated considerable discussion”, Killien noted. The current issue, Killien pointed out, “is in the implementation [of the procedures]. How will the procedures be implemented? How can we communicate the document?” asked Killien. She said the purpose of the three-campus curricular review process is to “enhance communication, to enhance coordination, and to formally involve faculty on all three campuses in curricular review.” As for the implementation of the Executive Order, Killien noted that “it may be revised with the arrival of the new provost and new chancellors.”

Killien asked the council: “How do we feel about this process?” Stein said: “I think it’s a great accomplishment. We’ve come a long way towards building a three-campus University.” Stein paid tribute to the excellent contributions of council members who have served on FCTCP since its inception – many of whom are no longer on the council – and who participated in the extremely complex process that led to the procedures that have now been endorsed by the Senate Executive Committee. Laverty said the comment periods are a very healthy feature of the procedures.

Killien said she will ask Gail Dubrow, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Graduate School, to visit the council at a future meeting and speak about the curricular review process at the graduate level.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIR FOR 2005-06

Killien said that Secretary of the Faculty Lea Vaughn – whose six years of service to the Faculty Senate will be concluding this academic year – asked her to seek a vice chair for FCTCP for the remainder of the 2004-05 academic year, and to start seeking a chair for the council in the 2005-06 academic year. Killien asked council members to “please consider” volunteering for these positions. Stein suggested that it might be best if the chair and vice chair were from different campuses. The council concurred with Stein.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Killien said, as a footnote to today’s discussion, that several key UW searches are progressing: UW Tacoma has a new chancellor, Patricia Spakes; UW Seattle’s searches for a new provost, for a new dean of Business Administration, a new dean of the Graduate School, a new dean of Architecture and Urban Planning, are progressing very well. She also mentioned that George Bridges, Dean of Undergraduate Education, will be leaving to assume the presidency of Whitman College; and that Denice Denton, Dean of the College of Engineering, will be leaving the University as well. She urged the members to encourage faculty to take an active role in meeting with the provost search committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next FCTCP meeting is set for Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall.
Brian Taylor, Recorder