The Faculty Council on University Relations met on Monday, December 13, 2000. Chair Christina Emerick presided.

PRESENT: Professors Emerick (Chair) Crittenden, Fridley, Goldblatt and Hicks; 
Ex officio members Arkans, de Tornyay, Grover, Ludwig, Regnier, Sjavik and Whitney.

ABSENT: Professors Ahmad, Dziwirek, Hauser, Palmer and Robertson; 
Ex officio members Chandler, Russell and Weaver.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of November 15, 2000 were approved as written.

ALUW (librarians) position on enabling legislation – Diane Grover

Following the November 13 FCUR meeting, Grover consulted with the ALUW (Associated Librarians of the University of Washington) Board on the question of inclusion of librarians in the Faculty Senate’s Class C Resolution on Public Sector Collective Bargaining Enabling Legislation for Faculty in Higher Education. She also contacted Bob Holzworth, Chair of the FCFA, and Mary Coney, Chair of the Faculty Senate. On December 11, the ALUW membership met with Dick Thompson, UW Director of Government Relations, and Tom Bristow, ALUW lobbyist.

The ALUW Board has asked the ALUW Legislative Committee and the ALUW lobbyist to recommend any official action on behalf of the librarians. Since librarians are not members of the Faculty Senate nor covered by the Faculty Code, it was not clear that inclusionary language added to the Faculty Senate resolution would be feasible. At this time, the ALUW Board and Legislative Committee are considering two possible options: a resolution supporting the spirit of the one passed by the Faculty Senate and requesting inclusion, or creating a similar but separate librarians’ resolution. Neither of these actions is likely to take place until sometime in Winter Quarter. In the meantime, ALUW feels it has successfully raised awareness on campus and in Olympia.

Honorary Degree candidate evaluation – Tina Emerick and Norm Arkans

Emerick revealed the short list of candidates for Commencement Speaker arrived at by the Committee on Public Exercises. Emerick reviewed for the council the career achievements of, and gave biographical information on, the five candidates. Extensive discussion followed, with all council members present commending the entire list.

All five candidates were unanimously approved for Honorary Degrees should one of them be chosen as Commencement Speaker. Emerick said this issue will be placed on the agenda of the January 8, 2001 meeting of the Senate Executive Committee. It would be presented as a Class C Resolution at the January 25, 2001 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Arkans said FCUR could assist in determining the title to be placed on the Honorary Degree. He added that the Honorary Degree would be a one-page citation to be read by President McCormick at Commencement Exercises.

Next meeting

The next FCUR meeting is set for Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in 142 Gerberding Hall.

Brian Taylor, Recorder