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Academic and Student Affairs Committee
October 8, 2015
Jane Russell Commons, William W. Philip Hall, UW Tacoma

Call to Order and Attendance

Regent Jaech called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

Committee members present: Jaech (Chair), Kritzer, Rice, Riojas, and Simon
Other Regents present: Ayer, Blake, and Shanahan
Others present at the table: President Cauce, Provost Baldasty, and Faculty Senate Chair Norm Beauchamp.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Jaech announced that, hearing no objections, the minutes from the Committee meeting on September 10, 2015, were approved, as distributed.

Academic and Administrative Appointments (Action) (Item no. A–1)

Gerald J. Baldasty, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, mentioned the recommended appointments included endowed professorships funded by private philanthropy. These funds provide the University with the opportunity to attract and retain high quality faculty members.

Regent Rice moved, and the Committee voted to approve the academic and administrative appointments as presented. Regent Kritzer abstained.

University of Washington Tacoma, Urban Studies Program – Master of Arts in Community Planning Degree (Action) (Item no. A–2)

Ali Modarres, Professor and Director, Urban Studies Program, UW Tacoma; Rebecca Aanerud, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Planning, The Graduate School; and Bill Kunz, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UW Tacoma, introduced this new graduate degree at UW Tacoma.

This new degree will be subject to an initial review in five years, then a ten-year review cycle. Regent Blake asked that Regents receive an overview report of the status of these degree reviews.

Regent Rice moved, Regent Simon seconded, and the Committee voted to approve the Master of Arts in Community Planning Degree as presented.

The University of Washington Tacoma – Urban-Serving Community (Information only) (Item no. A–3)
Mark Pagano, Chancellor at UW Tacoma, introduced a panel moderated by Bill Kunz, the Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UW Tacoma.

Panelists:
- Ali Modarres, Professor and Director, Urban Studies Program, UW Tacoma
- Josh Garcia, Deputy Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools
- Alexa Brockamp, Research Analyst in Urban Studies Program, Bachelors in Sustainable Urban Development, Minors in Global Studies and Nonprofit Management
- Okneca Hamptonie, Office Assistant, Office of the Vice Chancellor, Student and Enrollment Services; Bachelor in Communications, Minor in Gender Studies

The Chancellor listed the traits of an Urban-Serving institution:
1) Access and success
2) Use-inspired research
3) Economic development engine
4) Engagement in community partnerships

Chancellor Pagano recognized Regent Simon as one of the five most influential people in the establishment of the campus.

Panel members gave examples of UW Tacoma as an Urban-Serving Community.

Ms. Hamptonie, a UW Tacoma alumna, described her path to UW Tacoma as the first in her family to attend college.

Dr. Garcia said UW Tacoma was dynamic and innovative and a valued partner with the Tacoma Public School’s Pre-Kindergarten to 20 Pathways to Promise program.

Professor Modarres highlighted use-inspired research conducted by citizen scientists to address real work challenges and advance knowledge.

Ms. Brockamp, a UW Tacoma alumna, presented information about a community program “Husky Lines,” with support from the Green Seed Fund. The project’s goal is carbon neutrality by increasing public transit ridership by students.

Regents praised the efforts of campus faculty, staff, students, and community members as an Urban-Serving institution.

Adjourn

Hearing no other business, Regent Jaech adjourned the Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 11:45 a.m.

Approved at the meeting of the Committee on November 12, 2015.