Call to Order and Attendance

Regent Jaech called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

Regent Jaech announced that, hearing no objections, items A-1 and A-2 would be on the consent agenda, and the minutes from the Committee meeting on October 8, 2015, would be approved, as distributed. Provost Baldasty briefly described the Committee calendar and commented on the enrollment summary. An enrollment summary for graduate and professional students and a deeper analysis of the undergraduate enrollment are pending.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Annual Planning Calendar (Information) (Item no. A–1)

Enrollment Summary for Autumn 2015 New Undergraduate Students (Information) (Item no. A–2)

Academic and Administrative Appointments (Action) (Item no. A–3)

Provost Baldasty stressed the importance and impact of philanthropy evidenced by seven endowed professorship appointments. Regent Rice requested the appointment report include information about underrepresented classes.

Regent Simon moved, Regent Rice seconded, and the Committee voted to approve the academic and administrative appointments as presented. Regent Kritzer abstained as required by law.

UW Medicine Board New Appointments (Action) (Item no. A–4)

Dr. Paul Ramsey, CEO, UW Medicine and Dean of the School of Medicine, recommended Terry Lengfelder for appointment to the UW Medicine Board. Mr. Lengfelder is a member of the Board at Northwest Hospital. The original item included Brian Dennehy, who withdrew his name from consideration for personal reasons.

Regent Simon moved, Regent Rice seconded, and the Committee voted to approve the UW Medicine Board new appointment.

Establishing the Master of Science in Data Science (Action) (Item no. A–5)
Rebecca Aanerud, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Planning in the Graduate School; Cecilia Aragon, Associate Professor, Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering and Co-Chair, Interdisciplinary Data Science Group; and Bill Howe, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Co-Chair, Interdisciplinary Data Science Group, told the Regents about the proposed fee-based, part-time program for professionals. It is interdisciplinary, involving six departments and consists of 45 credits. Regent Riojas mentioned the need for individuals with this type of training to analyze electronic healthcare data.

Regent Rice moved, Regent Simon seconded, and the Committee voted to approve establishment of the Master of Science in Data Science degree.

**Department of Bioengineering – Establishment of the Master of Applied Bioengineering Degree (Action) (Item no. A–6)**

Rebecca Aanerud; Cecilia Giachelli, Professor and Chair, Bioengineering; Ruth Woods, Administrator, Bioengineering; and Wendy Thomas, Associate Professor, Bioengineering and Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, described the proposed degree saying it would be project-based and industry specific. It will be a 55-credit program, enrolling 25 students per year. There is high demand for this training in the Pacific Northwest region.

Regent Rice moved, Regent Simon seconded, and the Committee voted to approve establishment of the Master of Applied Bioengineering degree.

**Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Neuroscience – Establishment of the Graduate Certificate Program in Neural Computation and Engineering (Action) (Item no. A–7)**

Rebecca Aanerud; Jane Sullivan, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics and Co-Director, Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Graduate Program; David Perkel, Professor, Departments of Biology and Otolaryngology and Co-Director, Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Graduate Program; and Adrienne Fairhall, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics in the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Graduate Program, presented the proposal for this new 15-credit Graduate Certificate Program comprised of existing courses.

Regent Rice moved, Regent Kritzer seconded, and the Committee voted to approve establishment of the Graduate Certificate Program in Neural Computation and Engineering.

**Intercollegiate Athletics Report on Academic and Student Services (Information) (Item no. A–8)**

Scott Woodward, Director of Athletics, introduced Kim Durand, Associate Athletic Director for Student Development, who provided the annual report of Academic and Student Services in ICA. Ms. Durand thanked Dr. Frank Hodge, Faculty Athletics Representative and Professor in the Foster School of Business, for his oversight and involvement.

Student athletes were present to share their UW experiences and their future plans and answer questions.

Casey Stangel, UW Softball, said student athletes have to make an academic adjustment and she appreciates the tutors available for each class and the support for progress to graduation. Compared to support programs at other Universities, UW has its “stuff in order.” She plans to work in baseball operations.
Derrick Daigre, UW Men’s Track & Field, described how he changed majors and faced challenges. He found that some rigorous classes don’t work with the travel and practice schedules of student athletes and that travel is a challenge. He found the advisors helpful. Overall he termed the support he received to be very good, with room for improvement. Mr. Daigre plans a career in entrepreneurship related to athletics.

Faith Morrison, UW Gymnastics, plans to attend law school, and aspires to become a Senior Athletic Director.

Regent Harrell thanked Mr. Woodward for offering athletes who leave without graduating an opportunity to complete their degrees.

**Husky Experience: Innovation in Preparing New Faculty and New Students** (Information) (Item no. A–9)

Provost Baldasty introduced this item about programs to prepare new faculty and new students. Presenters were: Michaelann Jundt, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs; Pam Schreiber, Executive Director, Housing and Food Services; Matt McGarrity, Senior Lecturer, Communication; LaShawnDa Pittman, Assistant Professor, American Ethnic Studies; and David Goldstein, Director, UW Bothell Teaching and Learning Center. Students were on hand to provide their experiences and perspectives: Sy Ruiz, Freshman, Assistant at the Consulting and Business Development Center, Foster School of Business; April Masters, Sophomore, Resident Advisor in Alder Hall; and Emma Miller, Sophomore, Programming Resident Advisor in Haggett Hall.

Tenure track faculty members can participate in the Faculty Fellows Program offering connections with other faculty members and exposure to teaching and library resources. Participation in this program is optional but encouraged.

New students are offered the opportunity to enroll in U 101, a new on-line course with eight introductory modules about student life and academic issues. U 501, for graduate students, is in development.

Regents learned about programs and support in residence halls from Resident Advisors.

**Adjourn**

Hearing no other business to come before the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting, Regent Jaech adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

*Approved at the meeting of the Committee on January 14, 2016.*