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, Simon
Other Regents present: Benoliel, Blake, and Shanahan
Others present at the table: President Cauce, Provost Baldasty, GPSS President Alex Bolton, and Faculty Senate Chair Norm Beauchamp

Approval of Minutes

Regent Jaech announced that, hearing no objections, the minutes from the Committee meeting on January 14, 2016, would be approved, as distributed.

Welcome to wǝɫǝbʔaltxʷ (Information) (Item no. A–1)

Casey Wynecoop, Acting Director, wǝɫǝbʔaltxʷ, Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity, welcomed Regents to the Intellectual House. He gave some background and history about the longhouse, which was built on Duwamish land. Mr. Wynecoop instructed meeting attendees on the correct pronunciation of wǝɫǝbʔaltxʷ (“wah-sheb-altuh”).

Academic and Administrative Appointments (Action) (Item no. A–2)

Regent Rice moved and the Committee approved the Academic and Administrative Appointments as presented. Regent Kritzer abstained, as required by law.

Graduate and Professional School Enrollment Update Autumn 2015 (Information) (Item no. A–3)

David Eaton, Dean and Vice Provost of the Graduate School, reviewed the Autumn 2015 enrollment numbers with the Committee. The ensuing discussion focused mainly on the numbers of students from underrepresented groups in the UW’s graduate and professional schools and how to recruit a more diverse group of students. Regents asked about goals and targets and what other successful schools are doing. There is a need to expand the undergraduate pipeline and to offer competitive financial assistance packages, especially at the doctorate level.

Sean Sullivan, Dean, School of Pharmacy; Kellye Testy, Dean, School of Law; Dr. Susan Coldwell, Associate Dean, Student Life & Admissions, School of Dentistry; and Stella Yee, Director, School of Medicine, Office of Admissions, were present to answer specific questions about their Schools.

Introduction of New Leadership: Interim Vice President/Vice Provost, Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity (Information) (Item no. A–4)
Gerald J. Baldasty, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, introduced Gabriel Gallardo, who serves as the Interim Vice President and Vice Provost in the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity. Dr. Gallardo has been in his interim position for six months. He described his challenges and expectations. He announced the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity is planning its fifty-year celebration.

**Introduction of New Leadership: Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement, Office of the Provost and Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity (Information) (Item no. A–5)**

Provost Baldasty introduced Chadwick Allen, who was appointed to the position of Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement in the Office of the Provost and Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity in August 2015. Dr. Allen is exploring how to change the culture at the University and is thinking proactively about faculty hiring and retention and long-term planning. One of his first work products is a handbook of best practices for faculty searches and an online toolkit.

**Race and Equity Initiative Update (Information) (Item no. A–6)**

Ana Mari Cauce, University President and Ed Taylor, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, introduced College of Education Dean Mia Tuan, and faculty member Ralina Joseph, Associate Professor of Communication. They, along with a panel of students, provided an update on the Race and Equity Initiative (REI) at the University.

Additional participants Gabriel Gallardo, Interim Vice President/Vice Provost, Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, and Jason Johnson, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, were present to provide background, as needed.

Dean Tuan works with other Deans regarding best practices concerning race and diversity issues. She encourages proactive and “lean in” leadership.

Professor Joseph talked about faculty efforts in this area, especially connecting with other faculty, mentorship of students, and bringing together research and community engagement. She encourages critical conversations and stressed the importance of connecting communities across campus.

Student presenters (with their majors) were Mariama Suwaneh, Political Science and American Ethnic Studies; Maria Abando, Biology; and Domonique Meeks, Masters of Science Information Management. The students each described their experiences at UW as they related to race. Students praised the importance of the initiative’s candid conversations.

**Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 478-120 WAC, Student Conduct Code for the University of Washington, and WAC 478-108-010, Matters Subject to Brief Adjudication (Action) (Item no. A–7)**

Denzil Suite, Vice President for Student Life; Ellen Taylor, Assistant Vice President for Student Life; and Elizabeth Lewis, Director, Community Standards and Student Conduct, presented this item for approval. Rebecca Deardorff, Director of Rules Coordination, Rules Coordination Office, was available as a resource. Dr. Suite said the amended Code would be more accessible and easier to understand, would put the UW in compliance with provisions in the Clery Act, and would provide for a more collaborative process than the current version.
Regent Riojas moved and Regent Rice seconded, and the Committee voted to approve item A–7 as proposed.

Adjourn

Hearing no other business to come before the Committee, Regent Jaech adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

*Approved at the meeting of the Committee on March 10, 2016.*