November 7, 2000, 10:00, Room 260B

Present:
Dan Jacoby, Martha Groom, Carole Kubota, Jack Meszaros, Kelvin Sung, Susanne Sikma

Guest:
Chuck Jackels, Acting Director, Computing and Software Systems

Committees

The discussion centered around possible rewards for faculty willing to serve on GFO committees. Some suggestions included extra compensation, releases from courses for committee chairs, and travel.

Computing and Software Systems Self-sustaining Degree

Chuck Jackels, Chair of Computing and Software Systems, reported on recent work by his faculty to review and revise the self-sustaining degree program established last year without proper faculty involvement and approval. The CSS faculty has been reviewing the program and has modified what will be offered. Approximately 70 percent of the program is similar to what is being offered at UW, Bothell. It was decided to offer it for a two-year period, with an additional ‘wind-down’ year. The CSS Program plans to hire a faculty member who would primarily be involved in monitoring the program and would make recommendations as to whether or not it should be continued after the two-year period. The CSS Program will provide an appropriate level of oversight. The students in the program are required to first complete a certain number of certificate programs and then apply to be admitted to a degree program. The program starts with classes on the Seattle campus and then progresses to distance learning classes. Jack Meszaros mentioned that the grant supporting this program was given to a third party and thus we do not derive any indirect funding. Chuck Jackels mentioned that the program differs from the CSS Bothell degree in that it does not include upper division electives. The Executive Council certified that the CSS faculty has been given an opportunity to revise the program somewhat in order to ensure that it will minimally endanger their current program. Any future offering after this two-year period will have to meet UW Bothell curricular requirements and will have to be reviewed and approved by the EC and Curriculum committee.

Tri Campus Issues

The Executive Council reviewed the resolution put forth at the October 25 GFO meeting regarding the Faculty Senate's proposed Tri Campus Legislation: The faculty of UWB is interested in securing legislation that provides for greater representation in the UW Senate through the means currently being discussed. It does so in the expectation that we preserve existing faculty prerogatives at this campus with respect to curriculum and faculty promotion, tenure and research systems that are consonant with the faculty code, Comment is welcome. This will be discussed again at our next EC meeting. It will be shared with Seattle and Tacoma's leadership. It will be voted on following our next GFO meeting.

Committee Consolidation

Dan reported that the Executive Council is not in compliance with UW Bothell bylaws because it does not include representatives from all committees. He also suggested it might be advantageous to streamline the
GFO committees by combining some of their activities and eliminating some committees. Faculty Affairs will be asked to review our committees and representation structure and suggest improvements.

Martha Groom agreed to chair the Curriculum Committee.

The group discussed ways to bring the faculty together. Due to the lack of a community mailroom/copy room, the faculty rarely gets an opportunity to see each other. Mary Huneke has volunteered to develop two events to bring the faculty together.

Minutes submitted by Patti Bellecy