Executive Council Meeting

February 28, 2008, 3:00 pm, UW2 327

Present: Constantin Behler, Steve Collins, Bill Erdly, Dan Jaffe, Nancy Place, Gowri Shankar, Suzanne Sikma and Mike Stiber

Guests: Ann Cox, Jill Orcutt and Don Whitney

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Reports of Officers

A. Chair - Mike

A GFO campus forum will be scheduled early Spring Quarter to get faculty feedback and input on STEM planning and changes to the GFO Bylaws. The Bylaws call for scheduling GFO meetings before the start of each academic year. This is not realistic to implement and should be re-visited. The GFO forum is scheduled for April 21, 3:30 - 5:00 pm in UW1 220. The STEM Task Force report will be completed by that time as well as a draft report from the academic planning workshops organized by Academic Affairs. The GFO forum will provide an opportunity to hear the faculty voice on academic planning efforts.

B. Vice-Chair

Dan reported on the Academic Council meeting with Luis Fraga, UW Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement. Fraga will work to increase recruitment and retention of women and minority faculty at the UW in all fields across the campus. Dan and Mike met with VCAA Jeffords and Chancellor Chan to discuss the process for the establishment of academic centers at UWB.

Approval of EC minutes of February 14, 2008

EC minutes of February 14, 2008 will be reviewed at the next EC meeting.

Reports from programs

A. Business

Gowri - The Business graduate school review is finished and 5 new faculty have been hired.

B. CSS

Bill - CSS is going up for their 10-year review, the program is drafting a report, highlighting 10 years of progress. CSS is interested in facilitating the development of STEM programs.
C. **Education**

Nancy - Education will be conducting their 10-year graduate school review next year. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will be making a site visit for a State review of all endorsement programs.

D. **IAS**

Constantin - IAS will be submitting proposals for options in Interdisciplinary Arts and Individualized Study to the EC.

E. **Nursing**

Suzanne - Nursing will be conducting their graduate school review in May 08.

**Reports of Committees**

A. **Campus Council on Academic Standards and Curriculum - no report.**

B. **Campus Council on Promotion, Tenure and Faculty Affairs - no report.**

C. **Instructional and Research Support Committee**

Nancy reported on agenda items covered at the last IRSC meeting. The committee reviewed a 2003-04 IRSC report on research at UWB. The committee discussed the current research climate and assessed what progress has been made since the report and what is still needed. The committee will draft an updated report to focus on improving research support and climate for research at UWB. The next meeting of the IRSC will discuss the TLC. The EC gave some feedback to IRSC concerning the TLC.

Steve Collins reported on the Tri-campus Policy Council. Legislation has been proposed that will change cross-campus enrollment policies - no longer will a minimum amount of credits per quarter at each of the campuses be required. The Council is conducting a review of Faculty Senate and UW councils to determine which of those councils require UWB and UWT representation. Alan Wood and Steve Collins currently serve on the Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy and Dan Jaffe serves on the UW Committee on Planning on Budget (SCPB), which conducts short and long-term planning for the University.

**Old business**

A. **Discussion on academic planning.**

   ii. The third academic planning workshop will take place on March 7th. What specific outcomes from the planning workshops will be most useful to the EC? The EC asked Ann Cox what outcomes can be expected? Ann responded that a set of priorities would be grouped by subject covering themes that could include:
• Serving the growing needs of the region
• High demand majors
• Sustainability signature
• Points of distinctiveness
• Extend reach beyond the campus
• Broader student life
• Bridge programs

EC discussion

• How will the STEM planning be incorporated?
• Some key issues in academic planning include student demand, current faculty interest and regional need. How do we reconcile the results of the voting exercises from the workshops with these issues?
• The workshops addressed wide strategic decisions, what are the criteria that we use as a campus to evaluate the strategic planning priorities?
• How do we consider the faculty voice that was not represented at the workshops? Will the outcome represent the will of the faculty, how is shared governance brought to bear on this process?
• More clarity is needed on the process and what are the constraints in the prioritization process?
• Don Whitney pointed out that the process must also consider support for student services and look at the total university environment.
• How are new programs to be developed?
• Task Forces, like the STEM Task Force could be created by the Vice Chancellor to look at developing new programs.
• The STEM Task Force will have recommendations by the end of Winter Quarter.
• Budget and resources are critical in the development and prioritization of programs.
• What do we want for UWB in 10 years and how do we get there?
• How do we get to 6000 students?
• The strategic academic plan will be the roadmap.

Ann discussed two aspects of the strategic plan, short-term and long-term planning decisions. She stated that the plan provides a framework to build upon, budgetary impact on competing proposals will have to be considered, along with many other factors. The EC is involved in budget planning and the GFO forum will give the faculty a voice in the planning process.

B. Goodlad Institute for Educational Renewal: Comment period is now closed. EC recommendation to Chancellor needed.

Mike and Dan met with VCAA Jeffords and the Chancellor to discuss the approval process of Centers at UWB. Centers are important revenue streams to the institution and help build an outstanding reputation. The Goodlad Institute would be a resource to UWB programs, create opportunities for graduate students and bring people to campus. The institute could benefit the campus in many ways.

EC discussion
• The Education Program endorses the Goodlad Institute. No objections were raised by any other program.

**EC Motion**

The EC recommends approval of the Goodlad Institute. Dan called the motion, Mike seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**EC discussion**

• The Center on Reinventing Public Education seems to have a market-driven orientation, it is not as congruent with our mission. How will students be involved with this Center?
• How do we grow? What is our criteria for evaluating centers?
• We must apply consistent criteria in evaluating all proposals on centers that come to the EC.
• We need to develop a clear set of criteria for this process.
• There can also be variation in approach and method is evaluating centers here.
• The EC should consider resource and space implications or is this up to the administration?

**EC Motion**

The EC recommends approval of the Center on Reinventing Public Education. Dan called the motion, Mike seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**D. IRSC recommendation on campus seminar series.**

The IRSC presented a proposal to the EC for consideration that recommends a Faculty Speaker Series.

**EC discussion**

• This speaker series will highlight faculty scholarship and research at UWB. Programs bring external speakers in, but we need to communicate both internally and externally the work of our faculty.
• The "Choice Words" event is presented by the Chancellor's Office; more events like that are needed to showcase our intellectual capital.

**EC motion**

The EC recommends approval of the IRSC proposal for a Faculty Speaker Series. Gowri called the motion, Mike seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
New Business

A. Proposed changes to CUSP charter

Gray provided a document outlining the proposed changes to the CUSP Charter. The intent of the change is to widen participation from the entire faculty to serve on FOCUS. The EC needs further discussion on this agenda item, it will be carried over to the next EC meeting.

EC discussion

- What is the level of authority of CUSP/FOCUS?
- Authority to make curricular decisions has not been delegated to CUSP (it’s not an academic unit or program), we may need to revisit.
- The coordinating functions of CUSP are cross programmatic, bodies were created to act quickly, get courses up quickly.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

The next meeting will be March 13, 2008

Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant