Executive Council Meeting

February 24, 2009, 10:00 am, UW2 327

Present: Chuck Jackels, EC Chair, Dan Jaffe, Bruce Kochis, Pete Nye, Suzanne Sikma and Kelvin Sung

Phone conference: Pam Joseph

Guests: Colin Danby and Gray Kochhar-Lindgren

Adoption of Agenda
The agenda was adopted.

Review of EC Minutes of February 10, 2009
The EC minutes of February 10, 2009 were approved.

Reports of GFO Officers

A. Chair - Dan Jaffe

Dan announced the Spring Quarter GFO meeting for April 29, from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. He will extend an invitation to Bruce Balick, incoming Chair of the UW Faculty Senate. Dan has also decided to hold a door-prize raffle at the meeting to encourage attendance, offering a dinner for two to the winner. (The prize will be provided by private funds.) He updated the EC on two issues from the Faculty Senate on Planning and Budget. Budget information from the UW is not promising; the State budget is still in transition which will determine budget cuts for the UW. One concern that faculty have voiced on this matter is the importance of communication with programs for planning purposes. The more time that units have to plan, the lesser the impact on delivery of programs.

Dan brought to the EC the issue of the Executive Order proposed by President Emmert that would create a temporary suspension of the 2% merit salary increase for faculty. This is a political issue in the face of the economic situation across the State and the UW specifically. The order will be a temporary suspension of merit salary for one year and will be revisited next year. Dan will keep the faculty informed on any decisions of the UW Senate Executive Committee or the Faculty Senate. Dan will ask faculty to provide input on this directly to him or to UWB Senate representatives. One important concern regarding faculty salaries is equity; new hires and retention salaries could once again set back salary gains made over the last few years to bring increased equity across programs and rank.

B. Vice Chair - Chuck Jackels

Chuck updated the EC on UWB budget planning. He attended the budget retreat along with program directors and administrative directors. Each unit proposed a 6.5% budget cut along with add-ins to the budget. The Chancellor is using the 6.5% cuts as starting points on a set of budget reductions. The highest budget priorities that emerged were support for enrollment, sufficient classes and academic support. Support for junior faculty research and support for accreditation are also expressed priorities. The
Science and Technology unit is represented by Warren Buck in discussions on budget and strategic planning.

Chuck also reported on the ongoing discussions at the Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy regarding schools and colleges and informed the EC that the CUSP review is moving forward.

Reports from Program Representatives. None requested

Reports of Standing Councils/Committees

A. Campus Council on Promotion, Tenure and Faculty Affairs - Alan Wood

*Presentation and discussion of a recommendation from CCPTFA regarding procedures for promotion to full professor. Eligible for action at the March 10 meeting.*

Chuck opened discussion on the report from the CCPTFA, since Alan Wood was unable to attend the EC meeting. These recommendations, pertaining to the procedure for promotion to full professor were drafted by Alan in consultation with the CCPTFA and would replace the present reliance on the Committee of the Fulls, an ad hoc committee for UWB programs that do not have enough full professors to review promotion cases. The EC reviewed the document and suggested some revisions that might be suitable for future action.

**Action item:** Chuck will draft a copy of the document incorporating the EC recommendations and forward to Alan Wood for comment and to the EC representatives for discussion in their programs prior to the March 10 meeting.

Special Reports. None scheduled

Unfinished Business

A. Proposal for BA degree in Global Studies - Bruce Kochis and Colin Danby. 2nd reading with possible action.

Bruce Kochis reviewed the proposal for the BA in Global Studies; this degree proposal is part of the omnibus proposal from IAS for the conversion of options to majors. The EC discussed with the proposal representatives the character of the graduation requirements, especially that pertaining to core courses. Colin Danby responded to questions about the breadth of the proposal by stating that the interdisciplinarity of these degrees offers a strong platform for a shared body of knowledge and a solid research base. The EC will take action on this proposal at a later date.

New Business

A. Proposal for BA degree in Culture, Literature and the Arts - Gray Kochhar Lindgren. 1st reading for discussion.
Gray Kochhar Lindgren brought forward for consideration the BA degree in Culture, Literature and Arts. This degree proposal is part of the omnibus proposal from IAS for the conversion of options to majors. The degree is interdisciplinary in nature with multiple core courses offering different entry ways into the major.

**EC motion**

Kelvin moved to pass the motion:

"The EC endorses forwarding the BA in Culture, Literature and the Arts degree proposal to the UW Registrar for Tri-campus review."

The motion was seconded, and discussion followed.

Chuck called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, he called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried, 4 yes, 1 opposed and 1 abstained.

**B. Discussion about Admissions to UWB and Foreign Language Requirement - Bruce Kochis**

Bruce opened discussion on the Foreign Language Requirement for admission to UWB. The EC previously passed a conditional admission policy to adjust the foreign language admission requirement so that students who did not meet the requirement at the time of admission could be conditionally admitted and complete the requirement in a designated timeframe. It is the perception of the IAS program that increasing numbers of students are not satisfying the condition within the timeframe, resulting in consequences to the IAS upper division enrollment. Enrollment is only restricted to majors at 400-level, which means these students are entering upper division IAS courses without full admission to any UWB major. The EC determined that a review of this policy is needed as part of an overall review of our admissions procedures and policies. The Chair has been asked to schedule an "annual" report this spring from Jill Orcutt, Director of Admissions, on the full range of admissions questions.

**Action item:** Barb will send the EC motion on the Foreign Language Requirement to the EC.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am**

**Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant**

**Next meeting will be March 3, 2009**

Announcements;

Next Meeting: March 3, 2009, 10 - 11:45 AM. Extraordinary meeting for degree approval considerations only. Possible items: 2nd readings and Comm Psych and Culture, Literature and Arts, and 1st readings on Science, Tech, and Society and Society, Ethics and Human Behavior.