Executive Council Meeting  
May 13, 2009, 1:00 pm, UW2 327  

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

Absent: Pete Nye  

Guests: Chancellor Chan, Arnie Berger, Steve Collins, Colin Danby, Jeanne Heuving and David Stokes  

Adoption of Agenda  

The agenda was adopted.  

Review of EC Minutes of April 15, 2009  

The EC minutes of April 29, 2009 were approved with amendment unanimously.  

Report of GFO Officers  

A. GFO Chair - Dan Jaffe  

Dan updated the EC on the UW budget. The Legislature's final budget resulted in a 25.7% reduction in state funding for the UW; some offset will be seen with federal stimulus funds. UWB programs are budgeting for 6 - 10% cuts, the Planning and Budget Committee is asking directors for add-backs to be prioritized in the overall budget planning.  

The S&T unit will be working to secure a director and also an academic advisor by September. Some programs may share advisors: the Nursing advisor will be advising for the new Biology degree, some advising in S&T may also be shared with CUSP.  

Reports from Program Representatives.  

A. Education  

Pam Joseph reported that the Education Program has not hired a director as yet, but the search went well and a decision should come shortly. The search for a Science Education faculty member has been successful, and Carrie Tzou was selected for this position. Education has successfully completed the OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Education) review. This is a 5-year mandatory review, and the Education Program's K-8 Teacher Cert Program and the Teacher Pro Cert Program have been renewed for a 5-year period. The Teacher Prep and new secondary program, the Teacher Accreditation met standards in every area.  

Reports of Standing Councils/Committees. None.
Unfinished Business

A. Proposal for New BA Degree in InterArts: Second reading, eligible for action. Colin Danby and Jeanne Heuving will be invited to answer any further questions.

Jeanne Hueving presented the revised InterArts proposal, a curriculum chart is now included in the proposal to clarify graduation credit requirements.

EC motion

Suzanne moved to endorse forwarding the proposal for the BA degree in Interdisciplinary Arts to the UW Registrar for Tri-campus review.

The motion was seconded, no further discussion followed.

Chuck called the question on the original motion, hearing no objection, he called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0)

Special Report - Discussion with Chancellor Chan

Chuck welcomed the Chancellor to the EC and opened a discussion on the UWB budget process. EC members asked about how prioritization of funds will proceed and how programs will be engaged in the budgeting process. The Chancellor stated that strategic planning is being done in consultation with campus administrators and programs. While the state higher education operating appropriation has been significantly reduced with a 21% budget cut, the authorized tuition increase of 14% should help ameliorate the impact. Enrollment has grown enormously from the last few years, applications are up 50% for what is projected to be a fall enrollment of 2,700 students. Freshman applications are currently at almost 1000 for 325 spots. Other very positive news is that UWB received $5 million for the design of a third building. UW3 is intended to house the campus' growing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs and will allow the campus to continue its positive enrollment growth. The Chancellor praised UWB faculty, staff and students for their pro-active efforts to visit Olympia and carry a very positive message to state legislators about this campus. Special thanks go to legislators of the 1st District for supporting this effort with special attention to Mark Ericks, Vice Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. The Legislature also funded the UW Human Rights Center, thanks to the efforts of Bruce Kochis and others. UWB has also increased grant funding from $1 million to $4 million a year and private support is increasing. Other great news comes out of the wetlands: the monitoring of the wetlands required by the Corps of Engineers has been cut by 3 years, we will save $100,000 a year and earn mediation credits from the state. We are negotiating a lease with an apartment complex in Bothell for student housing, so we are moving forward in many areas. Chancellor Chan is encouraging legislators to meet on campus and will be visiting local city councils in the region. He will also look beyond the region to Washington DC and work to get more NSF funding for research at UWB, this is an institutional strategic plan. Some EC members suggested connecting with Ron Sims and Gary Locke, local connections in Washington.
New Business

A. Response to comments from tri-campus review: BS in EE degree - Arnie Berger
Arnie presented the draft of the responses to the tri-campus review of the EE degree. The response was endorsed by the EE initiating faculty and the S&T faculty.

EC motion
Kelvin moved to pass the motion:

The EC gives final approval of the BS in Electrical Engineering and endorses sending the proposal to the Academic Council for review. The EC has determined that the proposing faculty have duly considered and responded to the comments posted by faculty from across the three campuses during the tri-campus review period. In consideration of the UW Handbook issues, the EC’s endorsement ensures as in all cases that the curriculum and its courses remain in compliance with the UW Handbook, including areas pertaining to on-line learning.

The motion was seconded, discussion followed:

EC discussion. In discussion with Professor Berger, it was noted that: This is a hybrid course, not a distance learning degree, and that delivery of only some of the curriculum will be online. It will be a decision for the EE faculty how they want curriculum delivered on a course by course basis.

Chuck called the question on the original motion, and hearing no objection, called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Unfinished Business

B. The BA in Environmental Studies revisions have been completed by IAS. Colin Danby and David Stokes have been invited to answer any questions.

David Stokes presented the revised proposal for the BA in Environmental Studies to the EC. Prerequisites requirements have been clarified and upper division core course requirements were added.

EC motion

Bruce moved to endorse forwarding the proposal for the BA degree in Environmental Studies to the UW Registrar for Tri-campus review.

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion. The following points were raised during the discussion:

- This degree will influence policy in environmental issues, but it is not a science degree.
• There is cross over with Environmental Science with a sustainability emphasis.
• Management practices are more prominent in this degree than in Environmental Sciences.

Chuck called the question on the original motion, hearing no objection, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Announcements:
A. Next Meeting: May 27, 2009, 1-3:00 PM. Possible items: IAS response to tricampus comments on the bundled proposal. 2nd reading on BA in Env Studies degree from IAS, CUSP Review report; proposal for Center for Serious Play, PNOI from S&T for Climate Science degree (1st reading - if time).

B. Year end meeting: June 3. This will be the last meeting of the year; we will try to finish up all of the business items that we have started previously. Possible items: completion of discussion of Climate Science PNOI, consideration of the subunit policy that has been receiving campus comment, Revision of TOEFL admission policy.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm
Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant
The next EC meeting will be May 27, 2009