

June 6, 2001, 3:30, Room 315

Present: Colin Danby, JoLynn Edwards, Dan Jacoby, Mary Huneke, Kevin Lavery, Bruce Kochis, Kathleen Martin, Jack Meszaros, Kelvin Sung, Linda Watts, Linda Westbrook, Carol Zander

Guest: Scott Grindy

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Lavery moved that the minutes of the April 11, 2001, GFO meeting be approved. JoLynn Edwards seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee reports

Mike Stiber was elected as chair of the Instructional and Research Support committee for next year. That committee has begun working with the new director of Information Systems, Mike Stocke.

The Faculty Affairs Committee has distributed the proposed change in the GFO bylaws for a vote. Next year they hope to focus on more community activities and lectureships. JoLynn Edwards announced that the committee is close to an agreement with the likely Distinguished Lecturer for 2002. She has also obtained support from various groups for this event.

The Tri-Campus Council has received a charge from the President to talk about faculty honors on a three-campus basis. They also expect to be charged with the issue of defining what a campus is versus a school or college.

The Executive Council presented Jack Meszaros a plant to thank her for all her work this past year.

Graduate Student Employee Action coalition/United Auto Workers (GSEAC/UAW) Strike

Colin Danby suggested that we ought to discuss how one segment of our community is treated by others. Although we have few teaching assistants at this time, this is be a good opportunity to look at how we intend to deal with them. Possible actions: resolution of support from the faculty senate was approved this past winter; the GSEAC has a petition at the front gate; and/or individuals may send letters to the administration. In response to a question as to if we might pay our teaching assistants differently, Jack Meszaros indicated that the policies of the Seattle campus have been binding on us in the past, though we tried to pay the TAs adjunct rates. Dan Jacoby said he would be happy to assist with a joint letter if other faculty members are so inclined. Bruce Kochis suggested we strive toward a policy articulating some standards for our campus. Professor Danby mentioned that this is not unrelated to the vision in process.

Building Issues

Scott Grindy, Manager, Physical Plant, gave a status report on UWB2 building. Furniture for the new building was supposed to be delivered starting the middle of July, but the GSEAC strike may have delayed

this. It is hoped to have most of the furniture and equipment in by the end of August. The Education Program has agreed to move to the new building. There are offices available for existing faculty to move there if they wish to do so. Interested faculty need to let Professor Meszaros or Mr. Grindy know as soon as possible. A tour of the new building has been scheduled for Friday, June 8 at 3:00 p.m.

The warranty for UWB1 has expired. They are working on those problems areas that were reported before the warranty expired. Mr. Grindy asked that any problems with noise be reported to him as soon as possible. Reports should indicate the day and the time the problem occurs (he will send out an e-mail on this). They are hoping to put carpeting in the classrooms and are looking into other ways of dealing with the noise in the classrooms and offices. The library, UWB1 and Cascadia will be redoing their key system in the future. There is some recycling being done, but Physical Plant is not staffed to provide extensive recycling.

Campus Visioning Process

At this point, there has been one meeting where people have provided input on the latest draft of the vision and mission statement. Some faculty feel uncomfortable that the vision has not been more widely discussed. Professor Meszaros suggested that this be considered an umbrella for our programs that would develop their own visions, consistent with it. Carole Kubota and Linda Westbrook suggested that this be a topic at the faculty retreat. Several faculty favored not excluding the goal statements that were passed by the GFO and staff in 1996. Professor Meszaros will consolidate the group's comments and share them with those who attended this meeting and then will give them to the Vice Chancellor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patti Bellecy