

November 7, 2001, 1:30 p.m., room 041

Present: Mary Abrums, Arnie Berger, Bruce Burgett, Frank Cioch, Munehiro Fukuda, Kelly Forrest, Charles Jackels, Dan Jacoby, Andrea Kovalesky, Carole Kubota, Kevin Lavery, Carol Leppa, Ray Lou, Clark Olson, Nancy Place, Suzanne Sikma, Kelvin Sung, Linda Westbrook, Taylor Webb, Alan Wood, Carol Zander

Guest: Andreas Brockhous

Announcements

The University of Washington, Bothell's new representatives to the UW Seattle Faculty Senate are Cherry Banks, Paul Collins, Carole Kubota and Kevin Lavery. The length of their appointment (one or two years) has not yet been determined.

Jack Meszaros is the new chair of the Tri Campus Council.

Warren Gold announced that the Distinguished Lecturer for 2002 will be Professor Charles Wilkinson from the University of Colorado. He is an internationally acclaimed expert and speaker on law, ethics, and public policy of natural resources and water rights on U.S. federal land and Native American land. Professor Gold asked that anyone interested in being involved with the seminar associated with this lecture contact him next week for future interest. They hope to involve one of the local Native American tribes in the seminar.

There has been some discussion concerning the restructuring of the General Faculty Organization. It is planned to have the Executive Council do more of the day-to-day functions and have the GFO deal with the bigger issues. Professor Jacoby announced that EC meetings are open to all faculty.

Gift certificates were presented to Arnie Berger, Bruce Burgett and Linda Westbrook to thank them for all their efforts during the summer to develop the faculty/staff retreat in September.

Regarding the retreat, Professor Jacoby asked the faculty to review the retreat summary and let their EC representative know their top priorities among the action items listed.

Linda Watts is organizing a forum on assessment for the January/February GFO meeting.

The Faculty Council on Promotion and Tenure has tentatively expressed a willingness to develop a rewards structure for the faculty.

Current plans call for a vision statement to be reviewed and then presented to the GFO within the next few months.

Approval of Minutes

Suzanne Sikma moved that the minutes of June 6, 2001, GFO meeting be approved. Bruce Burgett seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Presentations from New Faculty

The following new faculty gave brief presentations on their research interests: Jean Eisele (Education), Kelly Forest (Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences), Munehiro Fukuda (Computing and Software Systems), Clark Olson (Computing and Software Systems) and Nancy Place (Education).

Academic Matters

Vice Chancellor Lou said he would like to bring closure to the faculty/staff retreat action items. Last year we had a task force that worked on the visioning statement. Vice Chancellor Lou reminded the GFO that UWB is in the midst of transitioning to an institution requiring more representation rather than direct participation by faculty in decision making.

The three-campus university is undergoing a regional accreditation. The site visit will be in April of 2002. This will give us an opportunity to engage the faculty and staff on where we have been, and where we want to go. He said he would like to take this opportunity to set a platform for the institution to build upon in the future to shape our own destiny. He hopes to determine how we use this information to improve the learning and teaching process.

This year we will be conducting three searches for directors of programs: Business, Nursing and Computing and Software Systems. Vice chancellor Lou asked the faculty to be active participants in this process.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patti Bellecy