

GFO Executive Council Annual Report 2007- 08

Executive Council Motions

November 13, 2007

Motion

The EC approves the adjustment to empower the director of admissions to have greater autonomy to admit students **not** in “gray” area. Dan called the motion, Nancy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EC recommendation:

More consultation is required. The rationale for this decision was based on UWB’s status as an upper division campus, impact to CUSP must be taken into account.

1. Implement year-long freshman admissions. Our current transfer policy restricts admitting transfer students with less than 45 credits. We propose that UWB terminate this policy and allow transfer student to apply with credit restriction.
2. Allow up to 15% if students not meeting core requirements to be admitted, as allowed by HECB to increase recruitment of students from diverse backgrounds. HECB allows schools to admit freshman with core deficient. We should consider this option to help increase our enrollment as well as boost our underserved population.
3. Improve access for returning students by allowing flexibility in meeting core requirements. Some older returning students are deficient in core. For example, some older student was not required to complete foreign language in high school in the 70’s. We should consider either completely waiving the requirement or admit on condition of completing FL prior to graduation.
4. Allow students to complete foreign language requirement while at UWB. We currently required a completion of foreign language requirement before enrolling. We propose that student be admitted on condition of completing the requirement prior to graduation.
5. Allow foreign language 102 to count towards VLPA as in community college
6. Align TOEFL score with UW Seattle Admissions requirement

Motion

The EC approves the adjustment to allow students to complete foreign language requirement while at UWB **within the first 90 credits**. Mike called the motion, Nancy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

November 27, 2007

Motion

The question was called to vote on Appointment of a Joint Faculty/Administration Task Force on STEM degree implementation as amended. The vote was 7 in favor, 1 opposed.

Motion

The EC moved to approve Gray's recommendations for freshman admissions. Mike called the motion, Constantin seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

December 10, 2007**Motion**

EC called a motion to rescind the previous motions on enrollment adjustments on foreign language and admissions criteria. This motion was withdrawn.

Motion

The EC plans to revisit and revise the two previously approved motions, dated 11/13/2007. The EC directs the Chair and Vice Chair to advise the Director of Admissions to only use policies in place before 11/13/2007 until after the first EC meeting in January 2008. Mike called the motion, Gowri seconded the motion, the motion passed.

February 14, 2008**Motion**

The EC approved the Pre-majors Resolution (Appendix A). Dan called the motion, Gowri seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appendix A

GFO Executive Council Pre-majors Resolution

The EC delegates to the UWB Director of Admissions the authority to admit transfer applicants who have earned between 1 and 79 credits, under the "General University Admission for Transfer Students". The Director of Admissions will ensure that these general admissions applicants are admitted based on standards and the Holistic Review established by the EC. Students admitted in the general admission category can take classes at UWB and then apply for acceptance into the major of their choice when all appropriate coursework is completed. The faculty in all UWB programs will continue to determine the requirements for admission into their programs. General admission students will be informed of the process of acceptance into programs.

March 13, 2008**Motion**

The EC supports the general direction in the draft of the Academic Priorities Plan and supports the proposed approach for implementation. We request that Vice Chancellor Susan Jeffords draft a charge letter for the creation of a Social Science Task Force for consideration by the EC. Dan called the motion, Gowri seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

April 22, 2008**Motion**

The EC approves the EC Resolution on Appointment of a Task Force on Social Sciences Degree Implementation in Support of UWB Academic Strategic Planning with amendments. Dan called the motion, Steve seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion

The EC endorsed the IAS Proposal for an Option in Individualized Study. Nancy called the motion, Gowri seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion

The EC endorsed the IAS Proposal for an Option in Interdisciplinary Arts. Steve called the motion, Constantin seconded and the motion carried.

May 13, 2008**EC resolution on STEM (as approved by EC)**

The EC wants to express its appreciation to the STEM task force for their excellent work in generating the final task force report. The EC concurs with the report that a new academic unit is needed to support the development of STEM majors at UWB. The EC urges the administration to start up a new unit as expeditiously as possible to develop the natural sciences, mathematics, engineering and applied technology and build bridges between the new unit and existing programs. The EC recommends that the administration facilitate joint appointments where appropriate and other mechanisms to foster interdisciplinarity and as a way to minimize the impact on existing faculty.

Motion

The EC will conduct an email ballot to vote on the EC resolution on STEM.

The EC will conduct an email ballot to vote on the IAS options in Environmental Studies and Science, Technology and Society.

Results of EC vote:

EC Ballot: Proposed STEM Resolution

Yes 7

No 1

Abstain 0

EC Ballot: Changes to CUSP Charter

Yes 8

No 0

Abstain 0

EC Ballot: IAS Proposal for an option in Environmental Studies

Yes 6

No 0

Abstain 2

EC Ballot: IAS Proposal for an option in Science, Technology and Society

Yes 6

No 1

Abstain 1

May 27, 2008

Motion

The EC approves the NOI from IAS for conversion of all concentrations to majors. Gowri called the question, Nancy seconded and the motion carried 7-1.

Motion

The EC approves the UWB Strategic Plan (The 21st Century Campus Initiative) as amended. Gowri called question, Bill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EC feedback in specific areas:

OUR Priorities (not ranked)

Growth: Serve the citizens of the State of Washington by providing increased access to a premier university education.

- Develop new majors and graduate programs in high-demand fields and foundational studies to serve student, employer and regional needs. Broad fields identified for new or continued development include:
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); and Health Sciences

EC recommendation: change Health Sciences to Health (UWB direction is more applied science).

Diversity: Enhance campus commitment to diversity and inclusiveness.

- Create a multicultural center to support students of diverse backgrounds, foster understanding and appreciation of differences, and enrich campus life.

EC recommendation: change center to program.

Sustainability: Develop environmental and human sustainability as a signature initiative.

- Support evidence-based approaches to thinking ethically and systematically about the health of humanity through the study of regional and global real- world challenges.

EC recommendation: remove the above bullet point, add a bullet point:

- ***Develop into a low impact campus through careful materials and energy stewardship.***

June 3, 2008

Motion

The EC hereby authorized the GFO Chair, upon consultation with available EC members, to approve the IAS option for Environmental Studies, Individualized Study, Interdisciplinary Arts, and Science, Technology and Society upon receipt of comments from tri-campus review and responses from the IAS Program, provided that the comments do not raise substantive issues and no substantive changes are made to the proposal. Mike called the motion, Bill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion

The EC approves waiving the TOFEL requirement for incoming freshman who have completed the highest level of the IEP from UWEO with a grade of 80% or better and who have been personally reviewed by the IEP director. Dan called the motion, Nancy seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

June 11, 2008

EC recommendation

Note to VCAA Jeffords: Initiating faculty at UWB should be appointed to write the EE full degree proposal.

EC motion

The EC approves the NOI for the EE degree program and recommends moving this proposal forward to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for forwarding to the HECB. Mike called the motion, Nancy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.