

Minutes for PSC meeting on 10/20/17

Members present: Fred Hamel, Denise Despres, David Andresen, Amanda Mifflin, Andreas Madlung, Kris Bartanen

Visitors present: Robin Jacobson and Seth Weinberger

The meeting was called to order at 13:03 .

The PSC meeting minutes from 9/29/17 were approved unanimously.

Amanda handed out a list of Senate charges to the PSC, which included:

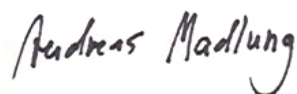
1. Review of Faculty Opportunity Hire Policy
2. Self-designate charges as the PSC sees fit according to the last year-end report.
3. Address issue of bias in student evaluations.
4. Reassess student evaluation process as a whole.

Robin Jacobson and Seth Weinberger visited the PSC meeting to discuss the status of the proposal for a BA degree for Washington Corrections Center for Women students. They gave a brief overview of the FEPPS program as it currently exists and described a proposal process for a Puget Sound-sponsored BA degree for the future. Robin and Seth did not seek a formal endorsement from the PSC but wanted to hear what the group thought about possible points of discussion that might come up about issues that might fall under the purview of the PSC in such future program.

Questions that arose included the following: Would faculty teaching in this program be considered Puget Sound faculty? The answer was that most likely they would be since Puget Sound would hire them, even if in an adjunct-like function. How would these faculty be evaluated? The answer was that they would be evaluated like a Puget Sound faculty, however, it was unclear, and deemed important to discuss further, if teaching in this program might be considered in faculty evaluations at Puget Sound. Given that teaching in the FEPPS program would not count towards Puget Sound faculty teaching loads and essentially be volunteer work (aside from a small stipend), concerns were raised that faculty teaching in this program might stretch themselves too thin, which potentially could affect their performance in their regular Puget Sound classes. The committee also wondered if the courses taught in this program, impacted by the restricted resources within the prison, would meet the standard (content, pedagogy, contact hours) of Puget Sound courses, given that what is proposed is essentially a Puget Sound degree.

The meeting adjourned at 13:53

Respectfully submitted by



Andreas Madlung