

## Faculty Senate 30 March 2009

Senators in attendance: Richard Anderson-Connolly, Kris Bartanen, Terry Beck, Douglas Cannon (Chair), Bill Haltom, Suzanne Holland, Kristin Johnson, Steve Neshyba, Wayne Rickoll

Guests in attendance: Nick Kontogeorgopoulos

1. **Minutes of 9 March 2009** were approved with minor changes.
2. **Announcements:**
  - a. Chair Cannon welcomed new senator Wayne Rickoll.
  - b. Dean Bartanen reminded all present that the Reaccreditation Visitors will be on campus 22-24 April 2009 for meetings with, among others, faculty.
  - c. Senator Anderson-Connolly noted that Barbara Warren will join the ad hoc committee to review internships. Randy Thornton and Senator Anderson-Connolly create for the ad hoc committee a moodle wiki page.
  - d. Chair Cannon stated that the 5 May meeting of the faculty would be scheduled for the Board Room.
3. There were no **Special Orders**.
4. The Senate liaison for the **Professional Standards Committee** reported that evaluation guidelines for departments, programs, and schools will be posted on the intranet [the Internet internal to the University of Puget Sound community], probably this summer.
5. Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, chair of the Student Life Committee, discussed the committee's **proposed revisions of the Bylaws** [Article V § 6 f(b)] regarding the Student Life Committee.

When I first joined (and became Chair of) the Student Life Committee three years ago, the committee had no charges from the Senate, and had failed to submit its self-study to the Senate, as required of all standing committees at the end of 2005-2006. With a relatively new Dean of Students at the time (Jean Kim), there was a poor sense among the committee members of the purpose of the committee or what the committee was expected to do on an ongoing basis. As a result, the committee lacked direction and purpose. We felt at the time, and still do so today, that a big part of the reason for this was the lack of specificity in the committee duties outlined in Article V, Section 6f(b) of the Faculty Bylaws.

In Fall 2006, the Senate asked the committee to suggest its own charges, but we were given no direction by the Senate. After discussing for several meetings the possible direction we should take, we decided at that time to suggest four charges that were deliberately open-ended, flexible, and did not replicate the work being done by other faculty committees. The reason that we sought flexibility in our charges is because the committee at the time was not aware at the end of the previous year which initiatives, projects, or issues that the Dean of Students would need to bring before the committee for discussion or advice in the coming year.

Thus, the Student Life Committee's charges in 2006-2007 were broader than the charges for other committees, but they worked well that year because they at least provided a starting point for formulating a direction and purpose for the Student Life Committee. However, in the following year (2007-2008)—partly in response to a comment made in the previous year at the Senate meeting at which the Student Life Committee charges were discussed (specifically, that our charges were more a description of what we do (i.e., duties) than charges, per se)—committee members decided that the open-ended charges of 2006-2007 would serve well in the future as permanent reminders of the duties of the SLC. This is the reason that the committee seeks to revise Article V, Section 6f(b) of the Faculty Bylaws.

Chair Kontogeorgopoulos showed senators how the proposal would include responsibilities not currently explicit [e.g., #2 in Appendix A, provided by the chair of the committee] and elaborations or clarifications of longstanding duties or subject matter.

**MSP:** The Faculty Senate endorsed the proposed changes.

**6. Electronic voting in Senate elections:** Senator Beck requested that the senators approve use of REFERENDA software for electronic voting for the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Advancement Committee, and Faculty Senate Chair.

**MSP:** The Faculty Senate approved use of REFERENDA for faculty elections in April-May 2009.

Anticipating the 2010 election, Senator Beck agreed to begin the process this spring of securing voting software on the UPS mainframe, auditing the source-code, and assuring that the software is licensed for faculty use.

**7. Informal discussion of campus daycare:** Chair Cannon noted that the session was running long but that daycare had arisen repeatedly in recent years and deserved a discussion in the Senate, in one or more meetings of the faculty, or both. A 2002 report regarding daycare is available on the University-only web. Chair Cannon will consult

with Dean Bartanen and Associate Vice President Rosa Beth Gibson about what the Faculty Senate might do to air views and concerns regarding daycare.

Respectfully emitted,

Senator Wild Bill

## Appendix A

### Draft Proposal for Bylaws Change

Proposed revisions to Article V, Section 6f(b) of the Faculty Bylaws (added/reordered language in italics)

The duties of the Committee shall be

1. To act as a liaison on student life issues among students, staff, faculty, and the administration. *This includes providing input on various Student Affairs projects and initiatives as brought to the Committee by the Dean of Students, as well as establishing ongoing communication with and providing input to ASUPS on various projects at the request of that body's executives.*
2. *To review information sources available that could help identify issues relevant to student life. Such information sources include individual faculty, students, and staff, as well as the Office of Institutional Research and the ASUPS Student Concerns Committee.*
3. To conduct reviews and make recommendations ~~as necessary~~ about those policies and procedures that affect students' lives outside the classroom.
4. To conduct reviews and make recommendations ~~as necessary~~ about co-curricular programs and services.
5. *To serve as a pool of faculty from which to draw for participation on Student Affairs ad hoc committees.*
6. Such other duties as may be assigned to it.