

University of Puget Sound Faculty Senate
14 December 2009, 4:00, Murray Boardroom

Senators present: Richard Anderson-Connolly, Bill Barry, Kris Bartanen, Dan Burgard, Douglas Cannon (chair), Kelli Delaney, Fred Hamel, Robert Hutchinson, Kristin Johnson, Lisa Johnson, James Luu, Tiffany Aldrich MacBain, Steven Neshyba, Marc Phillips, Mike Segawa, Keith Ward, and Stacey Weiss

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm.

I. Approval of minutes of November 23, 2009

- a. The minutes were approved as corrected.

II. Approval of minutes of December 7, 2009

- a. The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Announcements

- a. Anderson-Connolly announced that he emailed John Hickey regarding the city's zoning issue. Hickey's return email reported that he would try to get updated information, though the city's regulations regarding childcare on the university's premises are still an issue.
- b. Cannon announced that he will send out the Senate meeting schedule at a later date.

IV. Special Orders

- a. There were no special orders.

V. Appointment of three temporary replacement Senators

- a. This part of the meeting opened with a consideration of the main motion, to wit: **motion to appoint in this order subject to their consent for up to two replacements, Hong, Warren, Weinberger.**
 - i. Discussion: Hamel said that Hong is not a runner-up according to the bylaws. Hamel said in the interest of time, the Senate should just move to appoint Warren and Weinberger. Hutchinson said that we should approve the motion as it stands, but if we cannot find enough senators, then we should give the matter of finding replacement senators to the Senate Executive Committee. Ward asked whether guidance should be given to the Senate Executive Committee, in the event that this matter falls to it. Barry said that if the Senate Executive Committee should have to find replacement senators, not only should gender and status as junior faculty be considered as relevant factors, but also disciplinary background should be considered, too. Anderson-Connolly spoke in favor of the motion. Neshyba asked whether it makes sense to go to the next runner-up if Hong had already declined. Bartanen said that Hong did not become a senator due to a research-related deadline. Hamel said that he believes it is important to follow the will of the electorate and to maintain the composition of the present body, which is the issue that Aldrich MacBain had raised.

- b. **M/S/P (Anderson-Connolly/Luu) Move to amend main motion to add: If replacements are not found, Senate Executive Committee will bring nominees to first Senate meeting of the spring semester.**
 - i. Discussion: Barry asked whether we need that amendment since this is the practice anyhow. Barry said that he is in support of the motion. Burgard said that the point of today's meeting was to ensure that the new senators come to the first meeting next semester. Burgard said that we should start by asking Hong, Warren, Weinberger, but if they decline, then the Senate Executive Subcommittee should find and bring other replacement senators. Anderson-Connolly said that we need a broader discussion about representation, and that we should not try to bypass that issue by sneaking it in through the existing bylaws. Barry called the question. Weiss seconded. The motion carried.
 - ii. Vote to amend main motion to add to it as follows: **If replacements are not found, Senate Executive Committee will bring nominees to first Senate meeting.** Motion carried.
- c. Further discussion on the motion as amended: **Move to appoint in this order subject to their consent for up to two replacements: Hong, Warren, Weinberger. If replacements are not found, Senate Executive Committee will bring nominees to first Senate meeting.**
 - i. Discussion: Aldrich MacBain asked whether nominations for replacement senators will remain in the spirit of the discussion that we have had. Anderson-Connolly said that if the runners-up do not accept, then the bylaws provide no guidance, and we would be free to use other criteria. Motion carried.
- d. Cannon said that the notion of "runner-up" in the bylaws is not clear. For instance, if someone is on the ballot but receives no votes, that person might not be a runner-up. Cannon said that there is room for disagreement about who qualifies.

VI. M/S/P (Hamel/Luu) Move to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson
Scribe of the Meeting

Richard Anderson-Connolly
Faculty Senate Secretary