

Minutes for the April 14, 2014 University of Puget Sound Faculty Meeting

1. President Ron Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. A list of those attending (from a sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting) is given in Appendix 1.
2. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the March 25 2014 faculty meeting
3. Announcements: None
4. President's Report
 - President Ron Thomas thanked faculty for participating in Admitted Students Days, noting record-breaking attendance with the largest ever coming up Friday. He reported that enrollment is on a good pace so far with more applicants and admitted students than last year.
 - The President reported on some recent campaign contributions, notably the Neukom Family scholarship program for local students (making it our third largest endowed scholarship) and the Athletics and Aquatics Center.
 - The President also commented on potential federal policy issues, particularly concerns around proposals that seek to tie federal financial aid to college rating systems.
5. Academic Vice President's Report
 - Academic Vice President Kris Bartanen gave a reminder that the experiential workgroup documents are available on the Faculty Conversation Soundnet site. The group has done an audit of current opportunities and is thinking about the possibility of having opportunities for all students. It has explored gaps in that vision and discussed the importance of critical reflection in distinguishing experiences from experiential learning. Continued work includes thinking about how to help students graduate with distinctive compelling narratives and providing better communication about opportunities, perhaps through a landing page.
 - Dean Bartanen also reported on a conference she recently attended with Mike Segawa and noted that we already do many types of things that other institutions report as valuable, including interdisciplinary work, academic residential programming, and collaboration with a consortium.
6. Faculty Senate Chair report
 - Faculty Senate Chair Brad Dillman noted that the Senate is looking for colleagues to accept nominations for the Faculty Advancement Committee, the Faculty Senate Chair, Senate seats, and the Faculty Salary Committee with at least ten needed for the FAC slate election.
 - Dillman reported on the most recent Senate meeting that included discussion of the electronic voting process for faculty meeting motions. He noted that work remaining this year includes year-end reports, discussing of the faculty governance survey, selecting the Walter Lowrie distinguished service awardee, and discussing the enrollment work group report.
 - Dillman also noted that Board of Trustees Chair Rick Brooks will meet with the FSC and Senate on Wednesday April 16 to discuss faculty compensation and the Board's compensation philosophy.

7. Motion to approve a new post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree
 - M/S/P (Beardsley/Swinth) to
 - (1) discontinue offering the MOT degree,
 - (2) discontinue offering the post-professional MSOT degree, and
 - (3) offer a new post-professional Doctor of OT (DrOT) degree.
 - Beardsley noted that the motion comes from the Curriculum Committee following the five-year curriculum review for Occupational Therapy. The DrOT proposal was reviewed by a CC working group and approved by the full committee.
 - Swinth distributed a handout providing background on the proposed changes and clarified that the proposal is to discontinue the entry-level MOT while keeping the entry-level MSOT. The proposed DrOT would replace the existed post-professional MSOT.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
8. M/S/P to adjourn at 4:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Martin Jackson, Faculty Secretary

Appendix 1

Attending

Roger Allen
Rich Anderson-Connolly
Bill Barry
Bill Beardsley
Lucretia Berg
Bob Boyles
Nick Brody
Douglas Cannon
Julie Christoph
Sue Doyle
Lisa Ferrari
Poppy Fry
Bill Haltom
Fred Hamel
Jennifer Hastings
Anne James
Lisa Johnson
Tatiana Kaminsky
Nick Kontogeorgopoulos
Kriszta Kotsis
Sunil Kukreja
Martins Linauts
Grace Livingston
Julia Looper
Gary McCall
Lindsay Morse
Emelie Peine
Brett Rogers
Amy Ryken
Sara Shapiro
Jonathan Stockdale
Yvonne Swinth
George Tomlin
Karin Townson
Ariela Tubert
Keith Ward
Carolyn Weisz
Kirsten Wilbur
Linda Williams
Paula Wilson
Ann Wilson

Guests

Ellen Peters
Landon Wade