

Minutes for the November 18, 2013 University of Puget Sound Faculty Meeting

1. President Ron Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. A list of those attending (from a sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting) is given in Appendix I.
2. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the October 15 2013 faculty meeting with minor correction to dates.
3. Announcements
 - Nancy Bristow announced that the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) organized a successful Halloween canned food drive. She also noted that the women's soccer team had advanced to the next round of post-season play.
 - Bill Haltom pointed out that today has been declared by Disney as the 85th birthday of Mickey Mouse.
 - Kris Bartanen noted that Andy Rex would be delivering the Register Lecture at 7:30 pm Thursday November 21 in the Tahoma Room of Commencement Hall.
4. President's Report
 - President Thomas noted he traveled to Washington DC last week for meetings that included a gathering of more than 60 alumni at which Robin Jacobson presented. He also met with various groups regarding the U.S. President's plan for higher education "consumer reports". He also noted that applications in the current admissions cycle are running strong at this point with early decision running about 10% ahead of last year's trend, one that ended with a record high.
5. Academic Vice President's Report
 - Academic Vice President Bartanen expressed thanks and appreciation for all the work to accomplish Spring 2014 registration and acknowledged that advising and registration are currently more challenging with the new system. She pointed out the new ACAD 201 course aimed at sophomores who perhaps need guidance in finding an academic/career direction. She also noted that she has convened an experiential learning workgroup for which notes and readings are available on the Faculty Conversation Soundnet site.
6. Faculty Senate Chair report
 - Senate Chair Brad Dillman reported that the Faculty Senate finished charges to standing committees, including a charge to LMIS and PSC about coordinating on studying the viability of administering instructor and course evaluations electronically. He noted that the Faculty Senate discussed the KNOW proposal in its two most recent meetings (October 28 and November 11).
7. Continued informal discussion of a motion to adopt an overlay requirement entitled Knowledge, Power, and Identity
 - M/S/P. Nancy Bristow moved to end informal discussion, noting that she is making this motion after consulting with the faculty parliamentarian and the Burlington Northern group and that her intention is not to stop discussion but rather to open up options for formats in which to continue discussion. She further noted that if this motion is passed, a colleague will move to postpone consideration of the main motion until revisions can be made proposed based on feedback received. The motion passed with no discussion.

- The President noted a return to formal consideration of the main motion on the floor, namely the motion to adopt an overlay requirement entitled Knowledge, Power, and Identity that was introduced in the September 23 meeting.
 - M/S/P. Amy Ryken moved to postpone consideration of the main motion to the next faculty meeting, scheduled for February 3, 2014. She described recent work of the Burlington Northern group to address feedback and she displayed a proposed timeline for considering a revised proposal (see Appendix 2). In responses to questions, she noted sources of student feedback, affirmed that revisions to the motion that the BN group is planning include a rubric with guidelines, and stated that straw polls were not likely to be productive. Brad Dillman asked if it would be better to withdraw the main motion in order to start with a fresh version. In his role as faculty parliamentarian, Bill Haltom noted that Strugis limits debate on a postponement motion to timing of and reasons for a postponement. In response to a question, he stated that a friendly amendment to withdraw the main motion could not be entertained and that the only allowable amendment to the postponement motion is to change the time at which postponement ends. The motion passed on a show of hands.
8. Presentation by Ellen Peters on student demographics and NSSE data
 - Ellen presented demographic data on Puget Sound students in comparison with national groups and trends and then provided more detailed NSSE data to facilitate a conversation centering on the two questions “In what ways is this data useful to you as you consider the curriculum and your individual syllabi?” and “How might other information be more useful?”
 9. Presentation by Jenny Rickard on strategic enrollment planning
 - Jenny Rickard was not available due to scheduling changes.
 10. M/S/P to adjourn at 5:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Martin Jackson, Faculty Secretary

Appendix 1

Attendees

Richard Anderson-Connolly
 Gareth Barkin
 Bill Barry
 Kris Bartanen
 Bernie Bates
 William Beardsley
 Terry Beck
 Michael Benitez
 William Breitenbach
 Nancy Bristow
 Nick Brody
 Gwynne Brown
 Derek Buescher
 Alva Butcher
 Doug Cannon
 Julie Christoph
 Brad Dillman
 Jim Evans
 Amy Fisher
 Sara Freeman
 Poppy Fry
 Dexter Gordon
 William Haltom
 Fred Hamel
 Suzanne Holland
 Martin Jackson
 Kristin Johnson
 Lisa Johnson
 Priti Joshi
 Jung Kim
 Nick Kontogeorgopoulos
 Kriszta Kotsis
 Alan Krause
 Sunil Kukreja
 John Lear
 Ben Lewin
 Martins Linauts
 Grace Livingston
 Lynda Livingston
 Pierre Ly
 Mark Martin
 Gary McCall

Andrew Monaco
 Lindsay Morse
 Jennifer Neighbors
 Steven Neshyba
 Susan Owen
 Geoffrey Proehl
 Brad Richards
 Steve Rodgers
 Brett Rogers
 Amy Ryken
 Adam Smith
 Katherine Smith
 Mike Spivey
 Jonathan Stockdale
 Ron Thomas
 Carl Toews
 Carolyn Weisz
 Linda Williams
 Paula Wilson
 Peter Wimberger

Guests

Liz Collins
 Brad Tomhave

Proposed Timeline

- ▶ Circulate Revised Rubric—December 13, 2013
- ▶ Open Forum—mid-December 2013
- ▶ Review by Senate & Committee on Diversity—January 2014
- ▶ Consideration of Full Rubric—February 3, 2014
(Faculty Meeting)
- ▶ Wed @ 4 focused on sharing syllabi—Feb/March 2014
- ▶ Consideration of Full Rubric—March 25, 2014
(Faculty Meeting)