

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting  
November 6, 1995**

**Present:** Nancy Bristow, Alva Butcher, Lynette Chandler, Michael Farmer, Tom Goleeke, Jon Hantley, Margo Holm, Judith Kay, Grace Kirchner, Terry Mace, Bob Mathews, David Potts, Bryan Smith, Sarah Sloane, Kate Stirling

Kirchner called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**Minutes of October 23:** Approval of the minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

**Announcements:** Alan Thorndike will be the Register Lecturer on November 15. Bob Mathews announced that the Cascade Topology Seminar had just concluded. This was the second time that Puget Sound had hosted this conference.

**Chair's Report:** Kirchner noted that she had made a formal request that the senators receive hard copies of the minutes of the Senate, standing committees, and ad hoc committees. Associate Dean, Kris Bartanen is taking it under advisement.

**Consideration of Motion to Form an Ad Hoc Committed to Evaluate the Core:** The Senate Executive Officers presented a proposal that was intended as a starting point for this discussion. The objective was to prepare a motion that could be put before the faculty at the next faculty meeting on Tuesday, November 14.

Considerable discussion followed. One issue was the size of the committee. A four person committee was proposed. It was determined that it was important to limit the size of the committee in order to promote effectiveness. Since such a committee could not be representative of all groups and departments on campus, it was agreed that it was important that the ad hoc committee consult regularly with faculty, students and the administration. Student representatives requested that one to two students be appointed to serve on the committee. It was noted that an important function of this committee would be to gather information, and a student representative could serve as a conduit for student input. It was agreed via a straw vote that a student representative was desirable, and such a representative would be appointed by the ASUPS president.

Another issue was the election process. The Senate considered a two step election process versus a general election. A two step process could lead to a more balanced committee. However, it was noted that a small committee could not be representative of all groups on campus. In a straw vote on the election process, more senators were in favor of a direct election.

Another issue was whether the ad hoc committee should consider the entire core curriculum, or just the freshmen curriculum. It was agreed that the committee should be charged with considering the entire core, with particular attention to the freshmen curriculum. This should be done in the context of the curricular goals of the university.

A final consideration was the role of the Administration in this process. It is the role of the faculty to establish the curriculum. One of the charges to the ad hoc committee is to assess the resource and curricular implications of reducing the size of the core classes. The administration could provide data to the committee in terms of resource allocations. It was decided that the committee should consist of four elected faculty members, one appointed student representative, and the Academic Dean or his designate.

**MSP** that the Senate Executive Officers should reword the motion, taking into account the sense of the recommendations of the senate, and the straw polls.

**Adjournment:** The Senate adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva W. Butcher