

**Academic Assembly
November 1st, 2010**

MINUTES

Present: Karen Feldt, Jacquelyn Miller, Charles Lawrence, Vinay Datar, Paul Fontana, Allison Henrich, Franc Guerrero, Kristen Shuyler, William Kangas, Marianne LaBarre, Sonora Jha, Brenda Broussard, Nina L. Valerio, David Reid, Mary Graham, Jason Wirth, Mark Maddox, Gayatri Eassey, Isiaah Crawford, John Strait.

Guests: Kent Koth, Director, Center for Service and Community Engagement
Tim Leary, Executive Vice President
Bob Dullea, Vice Provost and Vice President for University Planning
Heather Geiger, Senior Planning Analyst

Minutes taken by Kristen Heinemeyer.

1) Welcome

2) Seattle Youth Initiative, Kent Koth

- a) Currently, moving into implementation phase while slowly going through approval process.
- b) This initiative will bring a pipeline of support in the neighborhood, while providing opportunities for students to learn in deep and meaningful ways, while also offering professional development for faculty/staff.
- c) During the work on this initiative, individuals act as liaisons from all schools/colleges as representation between the school/college & Center for Service and Community Engagement.
- d) This draft comes forward with support of multiple governance bodies at the university including: Deans' Council, Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, as well as the Executive team throughout multiple stages.
- e) Assembly discussed topics such as: budget/hope that majority of funding would come for external partners (existing and new links: public schools, after-school providers, Seattle housing); providing service learning to benefit both the student/course and the community agency; measuring impact on community and mobility of students.

ACTION ITEM: Present Assembly members unanimously approved with encouragement of including mechanisms for assessing service learning components and goals criteria.

3) Faculty Lounge Rules

- a) Assembly held short discussion regarding the Faculty Lounge guidelines.

ACTION ITEM: Present assembly members voted on the following edits/revisions. The revisions passed with 14 approved and 2 oppositions. This set of rules will serve as a trial for AY 10-11 and will be reassessed at the end of the year.

- (1) Strike last part of 1, "...SU professional librarians, and SU administrators and directors of academic programs or initiatives who hold faculty rank or status.."
- (2) In 2, change "be respectful of" to "honor"
- (3) In 3, add "or personal guests"
- (4) In 4, revise "politely ask non-faculty" to "respectfully re-direct student"
- (5) Strike last sentence of 5, add "There are many small group meeting rooms throughout the library that can be reserved at time of need or in advance for these purposes; library staff can assist in the location and use of these facilities."
- (6) Change first sentence in 8 to "The lounge should not be used for advising, consultation, teaching, committee meetings, or similar activities."

4) Program Review representation

- a) Two representatives have agreed to serve on the Program Review Committee. Both have been nominated and accepted by their school/college.
- b) Carolyn Coffin from College of Science & Engineering.
- c) Bonnie Bowie from College of Nursing.

5) Review of Minutes

ACTION ITEM: Present Assembly members reviewed and approved minutes from October 4th, 2010.

6) Graduate Council

- a) Assembly discussed: what is the role of the graduate council committee, how does this interface with Deans or Associate Deans.
- b) Graduate council subcommittee to schedule meeting to develop ideas on interface with other areas of schools/colleges. Also to develop a charge for the group: seek feedback and discussion from deans, associate deans, graduate faculty.

ACTION ITEM: Present Assembly members approved to refer this report, with representatives from the subcommittee in attendance, to Deans Council to discuss this document as work in progress draft.

7) Integrity Tutorial, Chuck Lawrence

- a) Chuck to send link to Assembly members to a beta version of an academic integrity tutorial for incoming students. This tutorial would serve to educate students on

University Academic Honesty policies. Additional rules could be imposed by individual faculty.

- b) Send feed back to Chuck regarding the beta version.

8) Update on Block Scheduling

- a) After discussion and a vote, ASSU was in favor of Option 2 for the master block schedule. This would be implemented in Fall 2011.

9) "Investing in the Excellence of our Faculty and Staff", Tim Leary, Bob Dullea, Heather Geiger

- a) Tim Leary joined Academic Assembly to talk about new fifth strategic priority, Investing in the Excellence of our Faculty and Staff.
- b) President Fr. Sundborg taking revised set of institutional strategic priorities to Board of Trustees. In 2007 the fifth was D1, while still important and underway, the plan is to move towards this new priority.
- c) Steps in place to allow members of university community to participate.
- d) Strategic planning is an ongoing activity and takes a lot of work. Centralized support through Heather Geiger. Currently making process improvements to align new accreditation standards with our own priorities; focusing on regular communication; structure of plans designed to take from mission to specific actions.
- e) Seeking input from the Assembly on three distinct areas (compensation and benefits technology and learning, campus culture and community.) What are other elements the university needs to think about examining?
- f) Topics discussed: scholarship, though not included here, is included in Academic Strategic Action Plan; technological upgrades and continued maintenance to existing labs; professional development "glass ceiling"; level of work related to being a tenured faculty and compensation; equity in how salaries are determined across and within schools/colleges/disciplines; application to non-tenure track faculty; adjustments pertain to only new faculty or those currently at SU.

10) Updates, Announcements, Etc.

- a) Brenda Broussard to serve as ACA representative on the Bookstore Committee.