

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY COUNCIL ON FACULTY AFFAIRS

The Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs met on **Thursday, January 20, 1994 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Regents Room. Chair John Stewart presided.

Present: *Professors* Ammerlahn, Derouen, Dobel, Eberhardt, Ehreth, Fitzpatrick, Leiren; *ex officio members* Morishima, Olswang, Moore (ASUW)

Absent: *ex officio members* Ferrill, Zagona, Oda*, McFeron, GPSS Representative

* excused

Approval of minutes

The minutes of January 6, 1994 were approved as written (minus typos).

PTAC (Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee) Report

The chair referred to earlier confusion about several versions of the PTAC report that are in existence. The most recent report has a transmittal letter which reads: "...has completed its FOURTH year of service...." This report was distributed at the meeting and the chair pointed out the issues addressed are significantly different than in the older PTAC report. Since the members had not seen the most recent report prior to the meeting of January 20, the chair asked if more time was needed to review the report and respond to it. Members expressed that they would like time to read the latest report, and Vice Provost Olswang reassured the council that there was little time pressure for a response. It was motioned and passed to postpone this item until the next full meeting.

Class B Legislation

The council reviewed a proposed draft of text which set forth the new procedures for Class B legislation. Vice Provost Olswang drafted the text, and noted to the council that he sought input from Professor Vaughan, Senate Chair Ron Dear, and Secretary of the Faculty John Bollard. He noted that the word "referendum" has been replaced by "vote," and that the new procedures for Class B legislation would follow Class A rules, where appropriate, to ensure uniformity of voting practices. The council revisited some of the points of discussion about Class B legislation that occurred at the last meeting (see minutes 1/6/94). Upon further review of the draft, points were brought up regarding the 14 day timeline. After a brief discussion, it was concluded that it should stand to remain consistent with current practice for other legislation. Another point raised concerned the possible consolidation of faculty votes on legislation in the future, and whether or not current text should be written to allow for that possibility. Vice Provost Olswang noted that any revision should wait until such a change occurs. The final point raised about a change to the draft concerned the lack of a reference to the types of objections allowed; i.e. may faculty object in writing if they are unable to attend a Senate meeting to object on the floor. To that end, the phrase "orally or in writing," was added after "...express their views..." The final text reads as follows:

Section 22-74. Senate Procedure: Class B Actions

A. Each Senate action in Class B shall be duplicated in a Class B bulletin and a copy sent by the Secretary to each member of the faculty within ten days of approval of the action by the President. A Class B action is suspended if written objection to its substantive nature, signed by five percent of more voting members of the faculty, is presented the Secretary within 14 days of its publication in a Class B bulletin. Persons offering such an objection shall be invited to express their views, orally or in writing, at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and, if they desire, of the Senate. If the Senate amends the disputed action, it shall be submitted in its revised form the President and, if approved by him or her, made subject to review by the faculty in the matter prescribed for the original Class B action. If the Senate reaffirms the disputed action, it shall be distributed to the faculty for a vote within fourteen days following announcement of the Senate's reaffirmation in a Class B bulletin. A vote of the faculty shall be conducted in accordance with Section 29-36 (B) and (C). At the next regular meeting of the Senate, the Chairperson shall announce the results of the vote of the faculty.

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