

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY SENATE

Meeting of 2 December 1993

The Faculty Senate met at 2:30 p.m. in 301 Gowen Hall on Thursday, 2 December 1993. Senate Chair Ronald B. Dear presided.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Professor Guntheroth read the memorial resolution which paid tribute to: Professor Emeritus Lawrence Coachman (Oceanography) who died 23 November after serving the University since 1960; Professor Emeritus James Souther (Scientific and Technical Communications) who died 5 November after serving the University since 1948; Associate Professor Emeritus John R. Sproule (Architecture) who died 17 October after serving the University since 1948; and Associate Professor Keith Yoshino (Restorative Dentistry) who died 15 October after serving the University since 1957.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Gerberding stressed that the discussions on the proposed revisions to Chapter 28 of the *Faculty Code* regarding the adjudication process are extremely important. He urged the faculty to read the revisions carefully and to act on them as soon as possible.

An invitation was extended to attend the open forum 6 December (Kane Hall, Room 120, from 4:00-5:30) to discuss the initial recommendations of the President's Task Force. He explained that the Task Force was divided into three subgroups to study: 1) reorganization and restructuring of the UW; 2) research and graduate education; and 3) the undergraduate experience. This open forum will provide an opportunity for the whole campus community to participate in the discussions.

Appreciation was expressed for all of the campus support given to the Citizens for Higher Education's November campaign against Initiatives 601 and 602. Citizens for Higher Education was able to raise \$474,000, one-third of the entire amount raised by opponents of the initiative. Special recognition was given to two past regents of the University, Hunter Simpson and Gordon Culp, who gave an exceptional amount of time to the campaign and who also made large personal donations to the cause.

President Gerberding said that Initiative 601 was drafted hurriedly, and is ambiguous and confusing in many respects because of its terminology. Its basic premise regarding no new taxes is clear, however, and when it goes into effect in the next biennium, it will have a significant affect on our state for many years. At this time, it is unclear how much 601 will impact higher education but there is already considerable concern regarding possible future budget cuts.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGETING

Chair Dear reported that the committee has been discussing Initiative 601 and its financial impact on higher education in Washington State. The estimated state's spending limits for 1995-97, based on future population growth and the inflation factor over a three-year period, will be between \$17.6 and \$17.8 billion. To maintain the state's programs at their present levels with no changes will require a minimum of \$17.7 billion; revenue, however, is anticipated at only \$17.5 billion. In accordance with Initiative 601, if revenues amount to less than the spending limits, it would require a two-thirds vote of each house to raise additional funds. Because of these constrictions, budgets for higher education in Washington may be severely restricted. The committee is considering methods that might be used to communicate to the public the importance of higher education to the community and to the state of Washington.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A motion was passed to accept the nominations for faculty councils and committees as printed in the agenda attachment.

