

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of 8 November 1993

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 8 November 1993, in Room 142 Administration Building. Chair Ronald B. Dear presided.

PRESENT: Chair Dear, Secretary of the Faculty Bollard, and President Gerberding; Group Representatives Gowing (I), Goldblatt (II), Burnett (III), Dull (IV), Vaughn (V), Nece (VI), Guntheroth (VII), Koenig (VII), and Wolf-Wilets (VIII); Council Chairs Craven (FCCE), Lamont (FCSA), Novack (FCUF&S), Purcell (FCAS), Stewart (FCFA), and Taricani (FCCS&UR); Faculty Legislative Representative Zagona, Deputy Legislative Representative Egan, ASUW President Gheewala, and GPSS President Turner; regularly invited guests Provost Clough, Special Assistant to the President Ferrill, Special Assistant to the Provost Flores, CFR Representative Junker, and Joint Branch Campuses Chair, Kalton; guests Professor Tom Andrews (Law) and Ms. Karen Boxx (Attorney).

ABSENT: Council Chairs Coldewey, Kalonji, and Smith. (*excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the 8 November 1993 SEC meeting was formally approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved for the following meetings: SEC meeting of 4 October and continuation meetings of 11 October and 25 October; Senate meeting of 21 October 1993.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dear said that in order to maintain good communication with faculty, the Faculty Senate regularly prepares articles for *University Week* and also publishes a quarterly newsletter called the *Faculty Forum*. He encouraged SEC members to notify the Senate Office regarding ideas or issues they might have for these periodicals.

The Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB) has been meeting weekly to discuss topics such as the university budget, the faculty workload study, and retirement issues. Starting next week the allocation of equipment money issue will be discussed.

In regards to Propositions 601 and 602, Chair Dear reported that he was relieved 602 failed, but expressed concern about the passage of 601. Ultimately 601 could have some real dangers for higher education, and for funding in this state in general, because starting next biennium it imposes strict spending limits based on the state's future population growth and the inflation factor. The spending limit for 1995-97 is estimated to be \$17.8 billion. If revenues come to less than this amount, say \$17.2 billion for the biennium, then it would require a two-thirds vote of each house to raise additional revenue to get to the \$17.8 billion limit. To go over the spending limit would also require a vote of the people. These constrictions could severely impact future budgets for higher education.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILS

Chair Dear reported that because of time commitments this quarter, he has not been able to meet individually with council chairs. Instead, to keep updated on council activities, he has met with the two council recorders. He encouraged council chairs to please feel free to contact him with any specific concerns they might have.

PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE

Legislative Representative Zagona reported that the Task Force has been divided into three subgroups: reorganization and restructuring of the UW, research and graduate education, and the undergraduate experience. All groups have been meeting regularly and the initial recommendations of the Task Force are scheduled to be ready in early December. She said the Task Force is working hard to obtain as much input as possible from all concerned, and encouraged SEC members to bring comments to any of the subgroup meetings. It was suggested that both the SCPB and the SEC might meet with the Task Force when the initial recommendations are ready.

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