

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Continued Meeting of 16 February 1993

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 16 February 1993 in Room 142, Administration Building. Senate Chair Miceal Vaughan presided.

PRESENT: Chair Vaughan, Vice Chair Worthington-Roberts, and President Gerberding; Group Representatives Blackburn, Eberhardt, Guntheroth, Kukull, O'Neil, Sjavik, and Slutsky; Faculty Council Chairs Andrews, Benson, Dimond, Taricani, and Thouless; Faculty Legislative Representative Spratlen and Deputy Legislative Representative Zagona; ASUW President Nicastro; regular invited guests Special Assistant to the President Johnson, Special Assistant to the Provost Flores, CFR Delegate Junker, and Provost Wilkening; special invited guests Karen Boxx (attorney) and Professor Patricia Brandt (FCFA).

ABSENT: Secretary of the Faculty Bollard\*, Group Representatives Bell\* and Billingsley\*; Faculty Council Chairs Novack\*, Philipsen, Schoenknecht, and Sullivan; GPSS President Turner. (\* excused)

**NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was passed to appoint the one nomination as listed for the Appeal Review Panel. Chair Vaughan stressed that representatives need to be chosen from Groups 3; 7, and 8. He asked that group representatives be ready with suggested nominations at the next regular SEC meeting.

The Nominating Committee, which had been assigned the task of bringing nominations for vice chair of the Faculty Senate to the Executive Committee, delivered three names to the chair of the Faculty Senate. During discussion, the chair expressed concern about forwarding three names to the Senate and suggested that only one name be forwarded. Following a motion to include all three names that the Nominating Committee had provided the chair, and subsequent discussion, one of the three candidates withdrew his name from consideration. A substitute motion was offered to forward the remaining two candidates, Ronald Dear and Eugene Hunn, on the slate of vice chair nominees to submit to the Senate. The motion passed.

Chair Vaughan reported that the Spring Quarter elections will be held 19 April. He reminded the group representatives to please submit names of faculty willing to act as voting unit chairs to the Senate Office by Thursday, 18 February.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Chair Benson reported that there are two major committees presently studying undergraduate degree requirements, each with a different charge. The Faculty Council on Academic Standards is working on procedure and policy issues relating to Chapter 14 in the *University Handbook*; the Arts & Sciences Task Force is developing curriculum, number of hours required for graduation, and policy issues relating to the college's general education program. Communication between the two groups is provided by Chair Benson and Dean Campbell who serve on both bodies.

The Council is concentrating on three goals suggested last year: 1) to simplify the general education requirements for graduation; 2) to integrate the proficiency requirements; and 3) to provide more freedom within departments to develop curriculum to satisfy proficiency requirements in mathematics and writing. A report is being planned for the 29 March SEC meeting that will probably recommend the following: increase the number of general education requirements from 30 to perhaps 50 credits; the elimination of the double jeopardy requirement where courses taken to satisfy a department's degree program cannot also be counted as general University graduation requirements; that the writing and reasoning proficiency requirements be included within the general education program; the elimination of linked sets; that writing become a major part of any degree program; and that minor degrees be offered. Professor Benson suggested that SEC members discuss these recommendations with colleagues and contact him with any comments they might have.

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