

CFR Meeting Minutes
13 September 2024
Zoom Meeting
9:15 – 10:45AM

Representatives Attending:

Bonamy, Drapela, Fortin, Grigar (Chair), He, Olson, Pascoe, Reisz, Schimelpfenig, Whelchel

Ex-officio members in attendance:

Dimitrov (Senator, TT), Sekhar (Past Chair)

Guest: Tracy Klein (Chair, Faculty Senate)

Recording Secretary: Paul Bonamy

This meeting began with *a conversation with Tracy Klein*, who is the current Chair of the Faculty Senate. She is a member of the faculty of the College of Nursing at WSU Vancouver. She has the distinction of being the first FACSSEN chair not only from the College of Nursing but from a non-Pullman campus.

The conversation included discussion of:

- *Who votes for FACSSEN seats?* It is unclear whether eligibility to vote for a FACSSEN representative is tied to only one's unit, or a combination of one's unit and faculty track. Klein reports, with Pascoe confirming, that Nursing doesn't separate their seats by type. FACSSEN bylaws seem to suggest that elections should be separated by faculty track, so the matter has been forwarded to Matt Hudelson (FACSSEN Executive Secretary / Parliamentarian) for his interpretation.
- *How do CFR and FACSSEN relate, especially around shared governance?* Because not all branch campuses have faculty organizations, this question cannot yet be answered. WSU Spokane is in the process of getting their faculty organization up and running and interacting with FACSSEN. It is separate from Pullman in a way similar to but distinct from Vancouver, so a combination of their model and ours could form a way forward. While the Pullman campus now has an Interim Chancellor, it is unclear whether that campus will develop its own faculty organization, a change that will likely impact how faculty organizations system-wide interact with their local administration.
- *Last year's salary report.* FACSSEN is in the process of getting all the 21st Century salary reports posted. There is discussion of setting up a potentially standing committee to address faculty salary in FACSSEN. The Board of Regents has also designated a budget committee with Klein as a member, representing the Senate.

Following the discussion with Klein, *the minutes for the 30 Aug meeting were approved* with minor corrections.

Regarding elections, *Dale Fortin was elected CFR representative for Science. Steve Solovitz is two votes from being confirmed to a Senate seat.*

The CFR website now has a bridge page to the Faculty Senate. It includes a description of CFR's relationship to FACSSEN, a listing of WSUV's Senators, and a copy of the FACSSEN meeting schedule for the semester.

Laurie Drapela reported on her visit with the Chancellor's Advisory Board that took place on Thurs 9/12. She also reminded CFR that she will be sharing the Ad Hoc Committee's report on faculty salaries at the upcoming Laptop Lunch series.

Looking forward:

Bonamy and Reisz are revisiting the bylaws. The aim is to address issues brought up at the CFR retreat. They will also incorporate feedback from Klein about how Senate elections should be run. There is also some interest in comparing CFR bylaws to FACSSEN's guidelines to see what, if anything, CFR should incorporate or deliberately do differently. Once revised, the bylaws must go to the Faculty Assembly for a vote.

The new meeting space is very nearly done. It still needs some final touches but will be ready to go before the Faculty Assembly meeting (27 Sept). There is an appointment scheduled with Jennifer Miltenberger (Associate Vice President for Development) to select art from the University's collection.

Concerns have been brought to CFR regarding the implementation of graduate student work assignments under the new union contract. Understanding that ASE workloads are negotiated on their behalf by their union representatives, *CFR is focused on how the ASE contract implementation directly impacts faculty.* We can ask questions about how contract letters are constructed, etc., but should avoid intruding into union/admin matters that do not directly impact the faculty.

The event planning guide continues to cause confusion. We've been told the guide is a pilot program. However, training is being conducted based on the guide without a mechanism for feedback to be gathered. We need to verify the claim that this is a pilot and get clarification about feedback procedures and overall timeline for the pilot. Unfortunately, the Office of VC for Finance and Operations cannot attend the 9/27/24 FA meeting.

Planning for the Faculty Assembly meeting continues apace. The Provost will attend the beginning over Zoom to introduce himself. After he departs, we will move on to discussing

issues. Possible topics of discussion include the event planning guide, staffing of the academic units, enrollment, hiring a new Chancellor, and program review.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Bonamy, Recording Secretary