# Academic Assembly January 11, 2010

# **MINUTES**

**Present:** 

John Strait, David Arnesen, Chips Chipalkatti, Karen Feldt, Paul Fontana, Mary Graham, Randy Horton, Valerie Lesniak, David Neel, Tracey Pepper, Katherine Raichle, Kristen Shuyler, Jen Sorensen, Jean Tang, Nina Valerio, John Weaver, Flora Wilson Bridges, Jason Wirth, Isiaah Crawford, Charles Lawrence, Jacquelyn Miller, McKenzie Weber.

- Transition Issues
- Elections for Representation
  - o Bookstore Operations Committee
  - o Core Renewal
  - o E-portfolio
  - o Athletics Advisory Board
  - o Faculty Handbook Revision Committee
- Ron Smith
  - Budget Matters
  - o Bookstore Report
- 1) Welcome

#### 2) Review of Minutes

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members unanimously approved minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## 3) Transition Issues

a) With Nalini Iyer stepping down as Academic Assembly President to serve as the Chair of the Core Renewal Committee.

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members unanimously approved John Strait, as Vice President, to serve as President for the remainder of the Academic Year, through Spring

Quarter/Semester 2010.

## 4) Elections

a) Bookstore Operations Committee: Katherine Raichle currently serves as a representative. Nalini Iyer, though no longer president, would like to remain on this committee as a Academic Assembly designated representative.

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members unanimously approved Nalini to continue to serve as a representative on this committee.

b) Core Renewal Committee

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members unanimously approved Jen Sorensen to serve as the representative on the Core Renewal committee through summer quarter at which point Katherine Raichle will take over in Fall 2010.

c) Additional Representation Elections

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members unanimously approved Paul Fontana as the Academic

Assembly representative on the E-portfolio committee.

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members unanimously approved Flora Wilson Bridges to serve as the

Academic Assembly representative on the Athletics Advisory Board (?).

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members unanimously approved John Weaver as one of the Academic

Assembly appointed representatives on the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee. John will be a voting member, and for purposes of the committee will lead the revision committee but will not be considered "Chair" unless elected Vice President of Academic

Assembly.

## 5) Provost Update, Isiaah Crawford

a) Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR):

i) Provided the Assembly with a document containing information about the position of the FAR. Provost asked Assembly members to take this information back to school/colleges to consider faculty for nominations. The current FAR, Sarah Bee, will be stepping down at the end of this AY and will need a replacement. This information has also been presented to the Deans Council.

## b) Interim Associate Provost for Enrollment

- i) Academic Affairs and Seattle University welcomed Marilyn Crone as the Interim Associate Provost for Enrollment on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. SU will be working with Lahti Search Consultants in conducting the search for this permanent position, and hopefully would welcome the new Associate Provost for Enrollment July 1, 2010.
- c) Enrollment Update
  - i) Provost provided an update about the current Winter 2010 enrollment along with data regarding the enrollment stages for Fall 2010 Freshman and Transfer/Post-Bac year-to-date.
- d) Ombudsperson: Isiaah presented the assembly with information about the possible Ombudsperson position. Document provided, including estimated cost.

## 6) Update on Graduate Council Subcommittee, Valerie Lesniak

a) Two dates have been set to meet in Winter Quarter and subcommittee will have update for the Assembly in Spring Quarter.

## 7) Update on Budget Review and Bookstore, Ron Smith

- a) Ron Smith, VP for Finance and Business Affairs, joined Academic Assembly to provide information about the current and upcoming budget review.
- b) Ron also discussed the summary of the bookstore consultant report that SU received in December 2009, a process that started in June 2009.

## 8) Updates, Announcements, Etc.

- a) College of Arts & Sciences Collegium has partnered with Academic Assembly to host brown bag events. The next will be held February 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon in Casey Commons.
- b) School of Law has named their new dean, Mark Niles who will join the Seattle University community July 1, 2010.

**Next Meeting:** January 25, 2010, 1:30 - 3:30pm, Student Center 210