

**Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 3, 2025 / 12:30pm-1:30 p.m. Zoom

***Members Present through Zoom:*** *Chair Ken Cruz, Matthew Weinstein, Orlando Baiocchi, Ehsan Feroz, Denise Drevdahl, Maria-Tania Bandes Becerra Weingarden, Gregory Lund, Tom McGoogan (Chair Non-Tenure Track Faculty Forum).* ***Guest:*** *Anne Taufen (Faculty Assembly Chair, RAC Taskforce Member)* ***Administrative Support*:** *Andrew J Seibert*

1. **Recording Permission/Consent**
   * Recording permissions granted by the Committee. Recording the minutes is for transcribing minutes only. February 10, 2025, minutes were approved as written with no requested edits from Faculty Affairs representatives.
2. **Updates from the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Forum**
   * Tom McGoogan (NTTFF Chair) provided the following updates to Faculty Affairs Committee:
     + The Non-Tenure Track Faculty at-large are in the process of voting for whether the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Forum should be a permanent Standing Committee, and the membership as it is currently written. If there is a decision not to move to a Standing Committee, the NTTFF has other alternatives available. However, it looks quite possible that the vote is to have the NTTFF become a standing committee.
       - Should the NTTFF request to be a standing committee, it will go to a full faculty vote along with going through the Executive Council and a change of Bylaws.
       - Changes to the membership would include affiliated faculty and some of the other members not currently included in the non-tenure track faculty forum.
3. **Chair Updates on Research Advisory Council Task Force**
   * Chair Ken Cruz gave an update on the taskforce that was approved by the Executive Council. The Taskforce met for the first time which includes Anne Taufen (current Chair of Faculty Assembly), Heather Dillon (Current Chair of the Research Advisory Council), Peter Selkin (Past Chair of the Research Advisory Council), Randy Nichols (Future Chair of the Research Advisory Council), and Ken himself.
     + They discussed updating the current section of Article V, Section 3, which currently houses the NTTFF and changing the section to “Advisory Councils,” and recognizing in the bylaws there is no section on Advisory Councils. Should NTTFF go to a Standing Committee, this would not apply to the NTTFF.
     + Chair Ken Cruz shared the proposed title and the Charge of the Advisory Council. Discussion ensued on this.
       - Representatives were concerned with the balance of workload and the documented requests via the Charge being beyond an advising role.
       - The Chair of Faculty Assembly noted that the updates to the Charge are to create faculty voice around research and codify what the committee is currently doing in the event of a change in research staff. In addition, also modeling current practices, such as Faculty Assembly asking for Faculty to sit on this committee.
       - Recommended to use the language “various methodologies,” instead of using qualitative and quantitative, and separate funded and non-funded research.
     + After discussion, it was determined that the requests would be brought back to the Taskforce for review and then follow the process of approval with the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and the Code Cops on the Seattle campus to verify if it follows Faculty Code. Once for review, it will be sent back to Faculty Affairs through a vote through electronic communication.
4. **Subcommittee Updates**
   * **AI Survey Updates:**
     + The AI Survey has not met yet and the subcommittee will meet to coordinate the next steps.
   * **Enhanced Monitoring Survey Updates:**
     + The Enhanced Monitoring subcommittee sent out the enhanced monitoring survey tool. Overall, it works, however there are some concerns that were raised. The Faculty Affairs Committee agreed to tabling this to a future topic of Faculty Affairs in the next academic year.
   * **NTTFF Recommendations Updates:**
     + The NTTFF will provide more updates on the next steps after the survey is closed and completed.
   * **Budget Advisory Committee Updates:**
     + The subcommittee reached out to two at-large faculty representatives on the sense of their voice on the at-large committee. A Zoom meeting is scheduled tomorrow, March 4, 2025, with the representative. One representative has provided written responses to the inquiry.
   * **Campus Safety Committee Updates:**
     + The subcommittee emailed the chair and reached out to the volunteer faculty representatives on the campus level committee. It was presented that Faculty voice at-large was heard and was able to present input which shows value for Faculty voice, however, it was recommended to have more voices of faculty on the committee, as there are currently two at this time.
5. **Adjournment**
   * Meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM
     + Next meeting March 3, 2025, Zoom