

**Academic Assembly  
April 19, 2010**

MINUTES

**Present:** John Strait, Jacquelyn Miller, Jen Sorensen, David Neel, Jason Wirth, Valerie Lesniak, Jean Tang, Karen Feldt, David Arnesen, Nina Valerio, Sonora Jha, Kristen Shuyler, Frank Shih, Francisco Guerrero, Chips Chipalkatti, John Weaver, Mary Graham, Tracey Pepper, Randy Horton, Clare Monahan, Isiaah Crawford.

**Guests:** Nalini Iyer, Chair, University Core Revision Committee, with members Theresa Earenfight, Daniel Pascoe Aguilar, Vicki Minderhout

*Minutes taken by Kristen Heinemeyer*

- University Core Revision Committee Update
- Graduate Governance Update, Lesniak
- Faculty Lounge in Lemieux Library

**1) Welcome**

**2) Review of Minutes**

**Action Item:** Present Assembly members approved to adopt the minutes from April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**3) University Core Revision Committee (UCRC) Update, Nalini Iyer**

- a) Nalini Iyer, Chair of the UCRC, joined the Assembly along with fellow UCRC members Daniel Pascoe Aguilar, Theresa Earenfight and Vicki Minderhout to provide an update of the committee.
- b) A Core Forum will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm as an opportunity for collaborative conversations to develop the vision for the new Core.
- c) Symposia will be held to address the "big questions" about Core Revision.
- d) Forums to discuss the Core Learning Outcomes will be scheduled and utilize the draft document of the undergraduate learning outcomes to help develop the Core learning Outcomes
- e) Dates and locations for these events can be found at the website:  
<http://www.seattleu.edu/core/revision>
- f) Additional questions can be directed towards Nalini Iyer at [niyer@seattleu.edu](mailto:niyer@seattleu.edu).

**Action Item:** The UCRC asks the Assembly members to encourage their colleagues to come to the events. The Assembly will be in contact with the UCRC and updated during the process.

#### **4) Graduate Governance, Lesniak**

- a) The graduate governance subcommittee held two meetings, minutes provided with recommendation for Academic Assembly.
- b) The Assembly discussed Graduate Governance and topics discussed were: there is need for some overarching person/place with standardized oversight of all graduate programs, a graduate faculty committee that would report to the Assembly, a graduate council with representatives from each graduate program, promote graduate programs as they represent 45% of SU community, an individual located in the Office of the Provost who would serve as "the person" for graduate education.

**Action Item:** The Graduate Governance Subcommittee will draft a structural set of rules for such a body; define in proposal how this body should take the concerns elsewhere, etc. This proposal will be submitted back to the Assembly at a later date.

- c) Additional topics to discuss at graduate and undergraduate levels: grade inflation, computer use in class, students demanding materials be provided to them (i.e. PowerPoint presentations or copies of lectures).

#### **5) Faculty Lounge in Lemieux Library, Crawford**

- a) There have been many requests for a specific location for faculty that serves as a quiet retreat for individual reading, writing, or study or as a gathering place for faculty to engage in small-group discussions.
- b) Leadership of the University recognized the need and importance of dedicating space for the faculty. This will be an all-purpose reading room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the library that will serve as a faculty lounge.
- c) The same body involved with furniture and décor for the university helped determine the furniture for this space. Faculty will be polled for their input of the use of this space over time.
- d) Broader announcement to University community later this week.

#### **6) Ombudsperson Discussion**

**Action Item:** Assembly voted to go into Executive Session for the remainder of the meeting.

**Next meeting:** May 3, 2010 1:30-3:30pm, Student Center 210