

GFO Executive Council Annual Report 2011 - 12

Executive Council Motions

October 11, 2011

EC motion: Forum on Non-Tenure Track Faculty

Kochis moved to pass the motion:

“The EC endorses co-sponsoring the information forum on roles and responsibilities of non-tenure track faculty.”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- This is a national conversation; UWB could lead discussions on this matter
- The faculty culture at UWB is an important governance issue.
- What the professoriate will look like in 10 years should be guided by the faculty.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Olson moved to pass the motion:

“The EC moves to endorse the Business Program’s Charter for the Entrepreneurship Center”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- TEC is different from other centers in that it is housed in a UWB program and reports to the program.
- The Center will serve all UWB students and faculty, not just business students.
- Grants, workshops and other activities support the Center; the TEC will be self sustaining by 2017.
- Corporate and social responsibility is a focus and there is student involvement in non-profit organizations.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

October 25, 2011

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC endorses forwarding the Computer Engineering PNOI to the UWB Academic Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Board”.

The motion was seconded, hearing no objections, Joseph called for a vote. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC recommends moving the Proposal to Transition the UW Bothell Business Program to the UW Bothell School of Business to a second reading.

The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

EC recommendations:

The EC requests clarification on how the benefits of the proposed designation of school will allow for improved academic quality and coherence.

Joseph called the question on the original motion, and hearing no objection, called for a vote. The motion to move the Proposal to Transition the UW Bothell Business Program to the UW Bothell School of Business to a second reading was adopted unanimously (7-0).

EC motion

Kochis moved to pass the motion:

“The EC recommends postponing action on the proposal to Remove the 80 Credit Limit for General Transfer.

The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

EC recommendations:

The EC representatives will get feedback from their programs on the proposed change.

Joseph called the question on the original motion, and hearing no objection, called for a vote. The motion to postpone action on the proposal to Remove the 80 Credit Limit for General Transfer was adopted unanimously (7-0).

November 8, 2011

EC motion

Jackels moved to pass the motion:

“The EC endorses the Proposal to Transition the UW Bothell Business Program to the UW Bothell School of Business”

The motion was seconded, no discussion followed.

Joseph called for a vote on the motion. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Jackels moved to pass the motion:

“The EC recommends postponing action on the proposal to elect CCPTFA members during winter quarter rather than spring quarter.

EC discussion points

- A Bylaw change could state annual elections for GFO Councils and GFO officers.
- The election for CCPTFA would be better served if the nominations were designated by program needing representation.

Joseph called the question on the original motion, and hearing no objection, called for a vote. The motion to postpone action on the proposal to elect CCPTFA members during winter quarter rather than spring quarter was adopted unanimously (7-0).

EC motion

Jackels moved to pass the motion:
"The EC recommends postponing action on the proposal for a BA in Interactive Media Design". The motion was adopted unanimously.

EC motion

Kochis moved to pass the motion:
"The EC endorses the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Proposal"

The motion was seconded, no discussion followed.

Joseph called for a vote on the motion. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

November 22, 2011

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:
The EC endorses moving the Interactive Media Design BA proposal forward to a second reading.

The motion was seconded, further discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- The EC requires clarification on many issues brought forward on the IMD proposal.
- EC will draft a complete list of responses to the proposal and send to Professor Erdly.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried (4 yes, 3 oppose).

The EC will draft their responses at the December 6, 2011 meeting.

December 6, 2011

EC motion

Olson moved to pass the motion:
"The EC approves the Subunit Policy in Schools Structure"

The motion was seconded, no further discussion followed. Hearing no objection, Joseph called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried with a vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain.

January 10, 2012

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC supports the name change of the Writing Center to the Writing and Communication Center .”

The motion was seconded. Joseph called the question on the motion, there was no further discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Jackels moved to pass the motion:

“The EC gives final approval of the BA in Health Studies and endorses sending the proposal to the Academic Council for review. The EC has determined that the proposing faculty have duly considered and responded to the comments posted by faculty from across the three campuses during the tri-campus review period. The EC furthermore votes to approve the BA in Health Studies proposal.

Hearing no objections, Joseph called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

January 24, 2012

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

The EC supports the following policy change:

“General transfer applicants with junior standing or below shall be considered for UW Bothell under general admission.”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- It is important to track the academic success of these students admitted under the new policy.
- An annual report to the EC should be required.

The motion was amended:

“The EC supports the following policy change:

“General transfer applicants with junior standing or below shall be considered for admission to UW Bothell under general admission. An annual report to the EC on the academic progress of these students is requested.”

Joseph called for a vote on the motion, by show of hands the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The Climate Science and Policy degree proposal is moved forward to a 2nd reading.”

Hearing no objection, Joseph called for a vote on the motion, by show of hands the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The EC will send any questions or feedback on the proposal to Joseph which will be forwarded to the S&T program.

February 7, 2012

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:
“The EC endorses forwarding the Climate Science and Policy degree proposal to the UW Registrar for Tri-campus review.”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- Is the intensive mathematics track supported in this degree? All courses needed for a math-intensive track in CS&P are currently offered as part of the proposed S&T Math minor. The minimum requirement is already offered.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried, 6-yes, 1-abstain.

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:
“The EC has determined that the proposing faculty have duly considered and responded to the comments posted by faculty from across the three campuses during the tri-campus review period.

Hearing no objections, Joseph called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:
“The EC approves moving the Minor in Retail Management forward for a second reading”.

The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- The Foster School at UWS is discontinuing their retail management program, the UWB program has some overlap but is more technology focused and will bring this element to retail management.
- Will the degree provide pathways with other programs? It will facilitate learning bridges between students across all three campuses.
- Diversity focused scholarships could be recommended for the program.

EC recommendations:

The EC recommends a revision to the budget to remove the statement on external funding.

Joseph called the question on the original motion, and hearing no objection, called for a vote. The motion to move the Minor in Retail Management forward to a second reading was adopted unanimously (7-0).

February 21, 2012

EC motion

Kochis moved to pass the motion:
“The EC approves the Minor in Retail Management”.

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- The statement regarding potential external funding of faculty lines should be removed from the proposal. Krishnamurthy agreed with the amendment to the proposal.

Holland called the question on the amended proposal. Hearing no objection, he called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

March 6, 2012

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:
“The EC approves the Nursing LNOI”.

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- Another region that has potential is south of Seattle; immigrant populations could open up opportunities for educational programs and expansion of UWB’s existing programs. The UWB presence would serve under-represented populations.
- Nursing program’s partnerships with hospitals are meeting the high demand for nursing degree programs. UWB’s Nursing Programs is partnering with Providence Hospital in Everett to offer degrees.

Joseph called the question on the motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously (8-0).

April 3, 2012

EC motion

Edwards moved to pass the motion:
“The EC recommends appointing a faculty hearing officer to hear cases of student academic misconduct.”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- West must remain involved in the academic misconduct hearing process to maintain comprehensive records on students.
- Faculty oversight in the process is recommended, not management of the cases.
- It is important to balance the authority level in these hearings and not intimidate the student.
- Students also have access to the UW Faculty Appeals Board if they wish to appeal a decision.
- Important principle – faculty responsibility for the regulation of student conduct and activities.
- Recommendation for a faculty hearing officer could be made for a provisional time period.
- This position is not universally held by faculty, this may not be appropriate for a faculty member because of liability and other issues.
- Because of academic consequences, the faculty voice is needed in this process.

EC consensus: more consultation with faculty is needed before a recommendation is made.

EC motion

Servetnick moved to pass the motion:

“The EC recommends postponing action on the recommendation for appointing a faculty hearing officer to hear cases of student academic misconduct.”

Joseph called the question on the motion, and hearing no objection, called for a vote. The motion to postpone action on the recommendation for appointing a faculty hearing officer to hear cases of student academic misconduct carried 6 yes, 1 abstain.

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC approves the change of title to the existing Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Computing and Software Systems to the new name: Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Computer Science and Software Engineering.”

The motion was seconded with no further discussion.

Joseph called question on the original motion, hearing no objections, she called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

April 17, 2012

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“For cross-programmatic degrees, the faculty oversight committee will consist of at least three faculty members with at least one representative from each school or program involved in offering the degree. Each school or program faculty selects its representatives for staggered terms of up to three years.”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- EC members should get further input from their programs.
- How will compensation be paid to faculty for development vs. teaching in this degree?
- STEM director candidates are coming to campus, how will this impact the STEM program in the future?

EC motion

Lavery moved to pass the motion:

“The EC recommends postponing action on the proposal until further input from schools/programs can be provided.

The motion for postponement was seconded, no further discussion followed.

Joseph called the question on the motion to postpone until the next EC meeting, and hearing no objection, called for a vote. The motion to postpone action on the Interactive Media Design proposal carried 6 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain.

May 1, 2012

EC motion

Lavery moved to pass the motion:

“The EC gives final approval of the BS in Climate Science and Policy. The EC has determined that the proposing faculty have duly considered and responded to the comments posted by faculty from across the three campuses during the tri-campus review period.

The motion was seconded no further discussion was held.

Hearing no objections, Joseph called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Kochis moved to pass the motion:

“For cross-programmatic degrees, the faculty oversight committee will consist of at least three faculty members with at least one representative from each school or program involved in offering the degree. Each school or program faculty selects its representatives for staggered terms of up to three years”.

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- The Graduate School policy for cross-programmatic degrees is for graduate programs; this is an undergraduate program, although this is consistent with the graduate policy.
- There should be further review of the policy, we may be moving too fast on this.
- The sunset period in the policy allows for review at any time.
- The policy is subject to review as needed. It is similar to the model used for CUSP, with a review after three years or in this case before, if necessary.
- How should we flag it for review – we need an explicit memory that will signal the time to review.
- The structure of the oversight committee will conduct a review at the end of three years.

Hearing no further objections, Joseph called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC approves the proposal for a BA in Interactive Media and Design with two stipulations:

1. The first set of majors will be offered Autumn 2013
2. The curriculum and budget will be refined by the Academic Oversight Committee over the next year.

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- What is gained by postponing the degree for one year? Unresolved issues need to be addressed regarding curricular relationships with some of the school/program faculty.
- The impact of this degree on IAS degrees, especially the Media and Communication Studies (MCS) degree is still a concern. It does not show strong evidence in integrating and expanding already existent knowledge base in the arts, theory and production of interactive media already on campus.
- We do not want to create artificial borders between media and interactive media or limit the recognition of interactive media to one degree program.
- Is the use of current technical facilities at UWB sufficient for addressing student needs when these limited resources are shared with other programs?
- Since this is a self-sustaining budget, will existing faculty carry the load for the program since funding is may be low to begin with?
- Will IMD faculty be non-research faculty?
- Be sure the budget is transparent.
- Be sure the curriculum is well integrated with our campus values and faculty strengths.
- There are pre-requisite courses that students could take in preparation for entering the program before Autumn 2013.
- There is a competitive market for media design, we should build out the program and enter the market strongly with a well designed curriculum.

Lavery called the question on the approval of the proposal with the amendments. The motion carried 8 yes, 1 oppose.

Executive Council endorses forwarding the proposal for a BA in Interactive Media and Design to the UW Registrar for Tri-campus review. The motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC will send the UWB Learning Goals as revised to the Academic Council”.

The motion was seconded, no further discussion followed.

Joseph called the question on the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

May 15, 2012

EC motion

Lavery moved to pass the motion:

“The EC accepts the analysis of the NSSE Report for UWB with amendments”

The motion was seconded no further discussion was held.

Hearing no objections, Joseph called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC approves moving the Minor in Diversity Studies to a second reading”.

The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- The distinction between this cross-programmatic program and the IMD is that this program is not housed in the VCAA's Office.
- The diagram in the proposal for the Diversity Committee lists faculty under responsibilities of the Oversight Committee. Professor Banks will revise the diagram to remove faculty.
- More clarification between the tri-campus Human Rights Minor and this minor is needed.
- Core courses information should be in the final proposal.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

The EC thanked Professor Banks.

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC endorses moving the proposal for a BS in Mathematics forward to the UW Registrar for tri-campus review with the recommended amendments”.

The motion was seconded no further discussion followed.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

May 29, 2012

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC has determined that the proposing faculty have duly considered and responded to the comments posted by faculty from across the three campuses during the tri-campus review period.”

The motion was seconded, discussion followed.

EC discussion points

- The CSS program will proceed with ABET accreditation for this degree; software engineering is an ABET-accredited program name.

No further discussion followed, hearing no objections, Joseph called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Lavery moved to pass the motion:

“The EC approves moving the proposal for a School of STEM to a second reading”.

The motion was seconded and no discussion followed.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC approves the proposal for a name change to the UWB Nursing Program to the Nursing and Health Studies Program.

The motion was seconded no further discussion followed.

Joseph called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, she called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

June 8, 2012

EC motion

Holland moved to pass the motion:

“The EC approves the proposal to merge the CSS and S&T programs and create a STEM School”.

The motion was seconded, no discussion followed.

Joseph called for a vote on the motion. By show of hands, the motion carried 8 yes (7 present , 1 absentee), 1 abstain.

EC motion

Lavery moved to pass the motion:

“The EC accepts the “Director to Deans of Schools Memo” as amended (Attachment II)

The motion was seconded, no discussion followed.

Joseph called for a vote on the motion. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

June 8, 2012

To: Susan Jeffords, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

From: Steve Holland, Chair, and Pamela Joseph, Vice Chair, General Faculty Organization

Subject: Deans vs. Directors of Schools

The Executive Council of the General Faculty Organization (EC) recommends that schools at the University of Washington Bothell be headed by Deans rather than Directors. Based on meetings of the campus faculty and additional faculty input through EC representatives, a strong majority of campus faculty members supports this recommendation.

It is the position of the EC that Directors of schools already serve the role of Deans on this campus. Schools are complex entities with numerous stakeholders both within and outside the campus, and the title of “Dean” carries greater weight in the community than the title of “Director.” The EC believes changes in titles will increase the visibility and influence of our schools in the region and the world.

The recommendation applies only to titles and does not include any expansion of responsibilities, rights, or compensation.