The University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Technology

The Faculty Council on Educational Technology met Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., in 36 Gerberding. Chair Jaime Diaz presided.

PRESENT: *Professors* Diaz, Gillis-Bridges, Zivot
                          Ex officio Jordan, Baldwin (for Lewis)
ABSENT: *Professors* Aldea, DeYoung, Goldberg, Leggott, Mizokawa, Prakash, Sarikaya
                          Ex officio Kuterdem, Lewis, Nervig, Szatmary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Synopsis:
1. Approve agenda
2. Approve minutes
3. Announcements
4. Discussion Item: Should FCET merge with the Faculty Council on Instructional Quality?
5. Other items?

Approval of agenda
The agenda was approved.

Approval of minutes
There being no quorum, approval of the December minutes was postponed.

Should FCET merge with the Council on Instructional Quality?
There being no quorum, there was general discussion of the issues raised by the Rose Committee. Should FCET merge with the Faculty Council on Instructional Quality?

Diaz advised the Council that the Rose Committee is considering merging FCIQ and FCET because the functions of the two Councils appear to be similar. Is there enough overlap to merge the two councils?

This is an issue of shared governance, Diaz said. The Council is charged with looking after "all matters related to technology" but is not sitting at the administrative tables where these issues are discussed and decided. This does not serve shared governance well.

The Rose Committee reorganization is intended to decrease the number of faculty serving, but increase the impact that faculty have on decision-making in the area of technology. Faculty can contribute unique perspectives on these issues, but need to be heard by the administration if this is to happen.

Gillis-Bridges said she has looked at FCIQ minutes, and does not think the issues being addressed in FCIQ mesh with the issues being addressed in FCET. She thinks a merge would be OK if FCET issues were to be addressed in a subcommittee.

How does the faculty feel about this issue? Is there enough interest in educational technologies among the faculty? Would it make sense to do a survey? Good data might be our ticket onto some committees where FCET could have substantial impact, said Diaz.

The reorganization is still in progress - it is unlikely that anything will be done until AY 2003-2004 at the earliest. Diaz will continue to attend Rose committee meetings and report to Council on the outcomes.

Diaz will meet with Louis Fox, Vice Provost for Educational Partnerships & Learning Technologies, to see if he will address FCET in the fall on current issues. Diaz will also talk with Norm Rose to determine what direction the reorganization committee is taking and will report back to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. *Minutes by Linda Fullerton, Recorder.*