

**Academic Assembly
November 15, 2010**

MINUTES

Present: Karen Feldt, Chuck Lawrence, John Weaver, Francisco Guerrero, Rob Rutherford, Paul Fontana, Allison Henrich, Marianne LaBarre, Brenda Broussard, Jason Wirth, William Kangas, Katherine Raichle, Mary Graham, Vinay Datar, David Reid, Kristen Shuyler, Mark Maddox, Nina Valerio, John Strait.

Minutes taken by Kristen Heinemeyer.

1) Welcome

2) Classroom of the Future - design example, Chuck Lawrence

- a) Two years ago Terry Hadjuk provided a workshop regarding classroom design and "learning environment"
- b) Facilities is sponsoring the opportunity to bring Hadjuk back to campus to join a committee to look at classroom specifics. Asking for two academic assembly representatives to be a part of this exercise.
- c) What is the latest in the design of learning spaces and what makes sense for Seattle University?
- d) Plan to look at the design of three classrooms. Conduct conversations on campus, as an exercise in imagination and pedagogy, exploring/looking at new possibilities.
- e) This is an exercise in exploration and design so that there will be basis for further discussion as we begin to consider changes to our classrooms on campus.

ACTION ITEM: Brenda Broussard and Francisco Guerrero volunteered to serve as the ACA representatives.

3) Shifting academic calendar, Chuck Lawrence

- a) Conversation has been had about shifting the academic calendar so that it would start on a Monday in the fall, rather than the Wednesday. This would lead to no classes during Thanksgiving week.
- b) Would like to ask for one faculty volunteer to assist in looking at pros and cons of this shift.

4) Faculty discussion re: Compensation (Executive Session, no minutes taken)