

**University of Washington  
Faculty Council on Academic Standards**

November 8, 2019  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Gerberding 142

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Call to order
  2. Review minutes from October 25, 2019
  3. SCAP report
  4. FCAS policy discussion:
    - a. Relevant FCAS "policies"
      - i. [Policy on C \(composition\) course proposals](#)
      - ii. [Policy on W \("additional writing"\) credit](#)
    - b. Relevant FCAS minutes
      - i. [October 14, 2016](#) - W
      - ii. [October 28, 2016](#) - W
      - iii. [December 16, 2016](#) - W
      - iv. [October 27, 2017](#) - C
      - v. [November 17, 2017](#) - C
      - vi. [December 1, 2017](#) - C
    - c. Relevant Scholastic Regulations
      - i. [Chapter 114, section 2.b.1.b](#)
  5. Good of the order
  6. Adjourn
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**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Review minutes from October 25, 2019**

The minutes from October 25, 2019 were approved as written.

**3. SCAP report**

***Non-routine business:***

**#1 - Applied Mathematics**

The proposal is for a new Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics.

The proposal was approved and forwarded for tri-campus review.

**#2 – Applied Mathematics**

The proposal is for a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Computational Finance and Risk Management.

The proposal was approved and forwarded for tri-campus review.

### **#3 – Geography**

The proposal is for a new Data Science Option within the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography.

The proposal was approved and forwarded for tri-campus review.

### **#4 – Music**

The proposal is for revised admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnomusicology.

The proposal is back from tri-campus without comments. The council forwarded the proposal for approval.

### **#5 – Information School**

The proposal is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Informatics.

The proposal is back from tri-campus without comments. The council forwarded the proposal for approval.

### **#6 – Real Estate**

The proposals is for revised requirements for the Minor in Real Estate. The department is proposing to revise multiple requirements, including reducing the required credits.

The proposal is back from tri-campus without comments. The council forwarded the proposal for approval.

## **4. FCAS policy discussion**

Huppert, co-chair, announced to the council that Faculty Senate leadership requested that FCAS provide an update to the Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate regarding activities related to codifying current FCAS policies. Huppert and Ratner will attend the next Senate Executive Committee (November 18).

The council reviewed and discussed the written FCAS policies regarding composition course proposals and the W (“additional writing”) credit.

The council first discussed composition courses. There was some discussion around the present language within the policy. Members felt that “composition” should be defined and that some elements detailed in the current FCAS policy could be incorporated into Scholastic Regulations. Some members suggested the following insertion into Scholastic Regulations:

“A distinguishing feature of C courses is their treatment of writing as the core focus and subject of the course. In C Courses, student writing itself should be a primary text of the class and should teach transferable habits and dispositions that will help students write and communicate in various future contexts within and beyond the University.”

The council began to discuss the W (“additional writing”) credit. Members also agreed that the W credit should be defined in Scholastic Regulations. A member noted that “natural language” could be added to the current Scholastic Regulation, and that by adding this it would prevent courses that emphasize computational writing from receiving the “W” designation. The council further discussed if the courses needed to be taught in the English language.

Additionally, the council discussed how policies and guidelines might be communicated to the entire faculty. Members felt that if policies and guidelines were passed they should not solely exist on the FCAS website. Codified policy would exist in Scholastic Regulations within University Policy. Members felt that the rationale included with any Class B legislation should clearly communicate the intent of the policy. Guidelines, which may not need Class B legislation, could be resolved using a Class C resolution.

The council chairs and members will seek additional feedback on these, and the council will resume this discussion at a future meeting.

## 5. Good of the order

Nothing was stated.

## 6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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*Minutes by Lauren Hatchett, lehatch@uw.edu, council analyst*

**Present:** **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Ann Huppert (Built Environments) (chair), Mike Lockwood (ROTC), Dan Ratner (Engineering), Joel Ross (Information School), Jennifer Turns (Engineering), Marjorie Olmstead (Arts & Sciences)  
**Faculty Code Section 21-61 B:** Jennifer Payne, Dan Feetham, Meera Roy, Sam Akeyo  
**Guests:** Michaelann Jundt, Luz Iniguez, Emily Leggio, Joe Wilson, Tina Miller

**Absent:** **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Radhika Govindrajan (Arts & Sciences), Tom Lee (Business), Scott Spaulding (Education)  
**Faculty Code Section 21-61 B:** Conor Casey  
**President’s designee:** Phil Reid