

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

January 17, 2020
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review minutes from December 6, 2019
 3. SCAP
 4. FCAS policy discussion:
 - a. Policy Relative to Program-Based Grade Requirements
 - b. Discussion of future policy groupings
 5. Discussion on Transfer admissions
 6. Good of the order
 7. Adjourn
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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. Review minutes from December 6, 2019

The minutes from December 6th, 2019 were approved as written.

3. SCAP

Non-routine business:

#1 – Applied Mathematics

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

The proposal returned from tri-campus with two comments. The council voted to approve the proposal.

#2 – Applied Mathematics

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

The proposal returned from tri-campus without comments. The council voted to approve the proposal.

#3 – Geography

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

The proposal returned from tri-campus without comments. The council voted to approve the proposal.

#4 – Drama

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

The council voted to approve the proposal.

#5 – Slavic Languages & Literatures

The proposal is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture.

The proposal returned from tri-campus without comments. The council voted to approve the proposal.

#6 – Slavic Languages & Literatures

The proposal is for revised requirements for the Minor in Russian Language.

The proposal returned from tri-campus without comments. The council voted to approve the proposal.

#7 – Slavic Languages & Literatures

The proposal is for revised requirements for the Minor in Slavic Languages.

The proposal returned from tri-campus without comments. The council voted to approve the proposal.

Routine business:

#8 – Drama

The proposal is for revised requirements for the Performance Option within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama.

The council voted to approve the proposal.

#9 – Drama

The proposal is for revised requirements for the Design Option within the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Drama.

The council voted to approve the proposal.

#10 – Earth and Space Sciences

The proposal is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Earth and Space Sciences.

The proposal was approved.

#11 – Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies

The proposal is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies.

The proposal was approved.

#12 – Real Estate

The proposal is for revised requirements for the Minor in Real Estate.

The proposal was approved.

4. FCAS policy discussion:

Policy Relative to Program-Based Grade Requirements

The "FCAS Policy Relative to Program-Based Grade Requirements" was reviewed (Exhibit 1). Ratner framed the issues relating to the need for this policy to be codified into UW Scholastic Regulations.

After a question, it was clarified "substantive changes" are defined as anything that would substantially increase or decrease the program requirements, or a change to the program name. It was noted existing program graduation requirements are grandfathered in due to Point C. (in the FCAS Policy) and would not be reviewed unless those requirements are changed.

A member brought up the concern that sometimes departments would like to make a program change wholly unrelated to the course grade requirements, however under this policy, those grade requirements will arise when the change comes to FCAS. Alternatively, it was noted one argument in favor of this policy is that it causes departments to review their course grade requirements periodically.

After a question, it was clarified that prerequisite requirements above 2.0 are flagged by the UW Curriculum Committee and inquired over before being approved.

Scholastic Regulations Chapter 114.2.A. (Required Grade Point) was reviewed. Members were asked to consider whether this section is the most appropriate place to translate the existing FCAS Policy, or if another section may be better-suited.

Huppert noted members would be sent a draft translation of the existing FCAS Policy into Chapter 114.2.A. of Scholastic Regulations before the time of the council's next meeting. It was clarified the change would need to be forwarded as Class B legislation to the Faculty Senate, President, and full voting faculty to be ratified.

Discussion of future policy groupings

A member requested that the coming changes to Scholastic Regulations be "mapped" in order for the council to better understand which chapters will be altered in the future. Members were receptive to the idea.

5. Discussion on Transfer admissions

A member shared a document framing the issue (Exhibit 2). The document states the main issue is "Departmental deadlines and decision timelines for students seeking entry into capacity-constrained majors and the specific concerns related to students who are seeking transfer to UW from the state's community colleges" (Exhibit 2). Additional details were noted to be within the exhibit.

After some discussion, a member noted one possible solution would be a change in policy requiring that transfer students may apply to majors only after matriculation into the university. A student member noted a requirement of this type would have consequences for international students, as they would be required to be enrolled at the university for a quarter before knowing if they were admitted into their first-choice program. One response to this point was that the majority of transfer students are not international students, but come from Washington community colleges. Another member questioned why international and transfer students would be required to demonstrate their proficiency in courses at UW before applying to programs, while other applicants are considered only on the merits of their past record.

It was noted many advisors consider this a huge problem, though no data on it is tracked/available.

A member noted the hard question to be considered is how does FCAS address the problem. He noted one way to do this would be to set admission deadlines university-wide.

Huppert explained the item would be further addressed in future meetings.

6. Good of the order

Nothing was stated.

7. Adjourn

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

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), Scott Spaulding (Education)
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Jennifer Payne, Dan Feetham, Meera Roy, Sam Akeyo, Meera Roy, Joe Wilson, Conor Casey
President's designee: Phil Reid
Guests: Michaelann Jundt, Luz Iniguez, Emily Leggio, Tina Miller, Helen Garrett

Absent: **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Tom Lee (Business), Radhika Govindrajan (Arts & Sciences)
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B:

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – Faculty Council on Academic Standards Policy Relative to Program-Based Grade Requirements
Exhibit 2 – TR Adm to Cap-Con Majors_11-8-19

UW General Catalog Excerpts (11-8-19)

Majors that are Capacity Constrained with “In Quarter” Deadlines

Biology

Application to the BA and BS degree programs is capacity constrained. Applications, accepted quarterly, are due the **second Friday of autumn, winter, spring, and summer quarters**, by 11:59 p.m. Applications received after the quarterly deadline are considered for the subsequent quarter.

Biochemistry

Application to BA and BS degree programs in biochemistry is capacity constrained. Applicants are considered in the following groups: Direct Freshman Admission, Research/Honors Admission, Early Admission, and Regular Admission. Completion of minimum requirements described below does not guarantee admission. All applicants have the right to petition and appeal the department's admission decision. Applications are considered twice each academic year and are due on the **second Friday of October and the second Friday of April**, with the exception of Direct Freshman Admission. The application and additional information is available at depts.washington.edu/chem/undergrad/.

Chemistry

Application to BA and BS degree programs in chemistry is competitive. Applicants are considered in the following groups: Direct Freshman Admission, Research/Honors, Early Admission, and Regular Admission. Completion of minimum requirements described below does not guarantee admission. All applicants have the right to petition and appeal the department's admission decision. Applications are considered twice each academic year and are due on the **second Friday of October and the second Friday of April**, with the exception of Direct Freshman Admission. The application and additional information is available at depts.washington.edu/chem/undergrad/.

Mathematics

Admission to all programs is capacity constrained. Completion of minimum requirements described below does not guarantee admission. All applicants have the right to petition and appeal the department's admission decision. The application and additional information are available online at www.math.washington.edu/Undergrad.

When to Apply: Applications are accepted via catalyst **twice each year. Deadline is the end of the day on January 15 and September 15.**

Statistics

Admission is competitive. Completion of minimum requirements described below does not guarantee admission. All applicants have the right to petition and appeal the department's admission decision. Applications are considered **once each academic year and are due on the first Friday of September.**

Astronomy (change in progress)

Physics (change in progress)