



September 16, 2019

Professor Ann Huppert
Professor Dan Ratner
Co-chairs, Faculty Council on Academic Standards

Dear Professor Huppert and Professor Ratner:

The Faculty Council on Academic Standards is charged with responsibility “for matters of university policy relating to the academic affairs of the university, such as admissions policy, scholastic standards, university graduation requirements, and inter-institutional academic standards” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-34). Activities historically performed include approval of undergraduate degrees, majors and minors for the University of Washington Seattle Campus; evaluation of admissions and graduation requirements; and the selection of honors medalists and honors GPA cutoffs.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2019-20 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Review FCAS policies that are published on the council’s website, determine where such policies might fit into Scholastic Regulations, and forward policies to the Faculty Senate as Class B legislation.
- Consult with the Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy, University Registrar, and UW Curriculum Committee regarding tri-campus curriculum policies (e.g. areas of knowledge definition/designation, Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning designation, etc.).
- Develop a checklist of justifications for substantial changes that units might consider when creating new or updating existing programs.
- Establish a clear timeline and process for reviewing 1503s.

After your first council meeting we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing.

Many thanks to you and the members of your council, on behalf of Senate Leadership and the faculty of the University, for all your time and work this coming year. I wish you all the best and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Janes".

Joseph Janes
Faculty Senate Chair