

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Academic Standards

April 23, 2021

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Consent agenda
 - a. Minutes from April 9th, 2021
 - b. SCAP report
 3. SCAG report
 4. Chair's Updates
 5. Good of the order
 6. Adjourn
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1) Call to Order

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

2) Consent agenda

- a. **Minutes from April 9th, 2021**
- b. **SCAP report**

Chair Huppert asked the council for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The council voted to approve the consent agenda.

3) SCAG Report

Marjorie Olmstead provided an update on the Subcommittee on Admissions and Graduation (SCAG) and the minimum requirements for consideration to be admitted to UW, specifically the transfer credits. They noted proposals to changes of college academic distribution requirements may require additional research. SCAG will reach out to colleges and consider world language requirements with future input from FCAS.

4) Chair's Updates

Chair Huppert noted the new process for reporting FCAS matters to the advising community has been going well. The chair also mentioned they are co-chairing the diversity credit taskforce which was charged with making recommendations by the end of 2021. No UW Tacoma representative has joined the diversity credit taskforce yet, nor have advisors.

The ASUW representative noted the Diversity Credit Outreach team report on the responses from around 300 students across all campuses describing what they want out of the expanded requirement should be done in the next two weeks.

Chair Huppert noted more information on Outreach for transfer admissions based on departments in the “Column 4” list will be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

5) Good of the Order

Nothing was stated.

6) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Minutes by Alexandra Portillo, council analyst, xanport@uw.edu

Present: **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Ann Huppert (chair), Tom Lee, Zhi Lin, Mike Lockwood, Marjorie Olmstead, Scott Spaulding, Yusuf Pisan, Steve Groening, Jennifer Turns
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Jennifer Payne, Susanne Redalje, Clara Coyote, Luz Iniguez, Sarah Garner
President’s Designee: Phil Reid
Regularly invited guests: Scott Fallgren, Tina Miller, Jason Johnson, Dave Sundine, Dan Feetham

Absent: **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Joel Ross,
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Joe Wilson

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – SCAP report

Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs (SCAP) Report

April 16, 2021, 1:30pm-3:00pm

Routine Business:

Astronomy ([UG-ASTR-MAJOR](#)) Revised program requirements for the Astronomy degree program

Background: The department has proposed the following non-substantive changes at the program-level

- Update recommended preparation and program requirements due to recently approved course renumbering changes (MATH 307 becomes MATH 207 effective AUT/2021; MATH 308 becomes MATH 208 effective AUT/2021; MATH 309 becomes MATH 209 effective AUT/2021; MATH 324 becomes MATH 224 effective AUT/2021).
- Add ASTR 324 as course option for requirement #1
- Remove PHYS 228 from requirement #3
- Update language for completion requirements #2 and 7, and, "Of Special Note," in the Additional Information field
- In addition, the department provided an explanation regarding overall credits requirements (proposed as 87 credits) and why the program requirements are not in compliance with [FCAS guideline #6](#)

The proposed changes would apply to the credential within the Astronomy degree program of study.

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Astronomy

Action taken 04/02/2021: SCAP requested the department update the proposed catalog copy to remove MATH 326 as a course option for requirement #4 since it is no longer offered, and update completion requirements #3 and #4 to include MATH and PHYS honors course options. The committee also advised the department to comply with the upper-division credit guideline for majors within 2 years.

Update 04/05/2021: The department updated the proposed catalog copy (see completion requirements section of proposal) and acknowledged SCAP's request for compliance with the upper-division credit guideline for majors (see audit log), *"I acknowledge having read the SCAP comments from 4/2/2021, and will work to be in compliance with the upper-division credit guideline for majors within 2 years (submitting a program change proposal no later January 2023) for implementation no later than AUT/2023."*

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members spent a good amount of time discussing both the Astronomy and Physics proposals and how to best support them in getting their requirements into upper-division/lower division compliance. We felt that 2 years was adequate time for the departments to reach that goal. With Astronomy's acknowledgement of that timeline and the requested updated, SCAP unanimously voted to send the proposal to FCAS.

Industrial and Systems Engineering ([UG-IND E-MAJOR](#)) Revised program requirements for the Industrial Engineering degree program

Background: The department has proposed the following non-substantive changes at the program-level

- Update recommended preparation and program requirements due to recently approved course renumbering changes (MATH 307 becomes MATH 207 effective AUT/2021; MATH 308 becomes MATH 208 effective AUT/2021; MATH 309 becomes MATH 209 effective AUT/2021; MATH 324 becomes MATH 224 effective AUT/2021).
- Addition of honors and/or accelerated MATH, CHEM, and PHYS courses as equivalent options for existing MATH, CHEM, and PHYS course admission and general education requirements.
- Clearer general education requirement language and consistent formatting across all College of Engineering academic programs.

The proposed changes would apply to both credentials within the Industrial Engineering degree program of study.

- Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree
- Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree: Data Science (proposed [INDE-20200108](#))

Action taken 04/02/2020: Not reviewed.

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS, contingent upon SCAP requested update to proposed Data Science Option ([INDE-20200108](#)).

Update 04/20/2021: Department updated proposed Data Science Option completion requirements to adhere to SCAP's request.

SCAP Chair Notes: These changes are in line with the other College of Engineering updates for General Education formatting and MATH, CHEM, and PHYS courses updates. SCAP members unanimously voted to send the proposal to FCAS pending the requested revisions to the Data Science Option which was received on 4/19/21.

Industrial and Systems Engineering ([IND E-0-1-6](#)) Revised credential requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree

Background: The department has proposed the following non-substantive change at the credential-level:

- Add credential specific requirements due to the proposed Data Science option ([INDE-20200108](#)) for catalog purposes

Action taken 04/02/2020: Not reviewed.

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS, contingent upon SCAP requested update to proposed Data Science Option ([INDE-20200108](#)).

Update 04/20/2021: Department updated proposed Data Science Option completion requirements to adhere to SCAP's request.

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members unanimously voted to send the proposal to FCAS pending the requested revisions to the main Data Science Option proposal which was received on 4/19/21.

Non-Routine Business:**Business ([BA-20201116](#))** Minor in Business

Background: The department has proposed a new Minor in Business

Action taken 04/02/2020: Not reviewed.

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS, contingent upon UWCC approval of course change proposals for FIN 205 and ACCTG 219.

Update 04/20/2021: Course change proposals for FIN 205 and ACCTG 219 approved by UWCC.

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members had no questions or concerns for the proposal and unanimously voted to forward to FCAS pending approval of the course change applications at the 4/20/21 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Geography ([UG-GEOG-MAJOR](#)) Revised admission requirements for the Geography degree program

Background: The department has proposed the following substantive change at the program-level

- Change the admission type from open admission to minimum requirements admission.

The proposed change would apply to both credentials within the Geography degree program of study.

- Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Geography
- Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Geography: Data Science

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members had no questions or concerns for the proposal and unanimously voted to forward to FCAS.

Jackson School of International Studies ([UG-SIS-MAJOR](#)) Revised admission and program requirements, and program name change for the Global and Regional Studies degree program

Background: The department has proposed the following substantive changes at the program-level

- Change program name from International Studies to Global and Regional Studies
- Change credential name from the Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Global and Regional Studies
- Change the admission type from capacity constrained admission to open admission.
- Complete change of program requirements, including the number of required overall credits

The proposed changes would apply to the credential within the Global and Regional Studies degree program of study.

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Global and Regional Studies

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS, contingent upon the department obtaining remaining proposal acknowledgements from Philosophy, GWSS, Scandinavian Studies, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Update 04/20/2021: Remaining pending acknowledgements have been made by Philosophy, GWSS, Scandinavian Studies, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members enthusiastically and unanimously voted to send this proposal to FCAS.

Near Eastern Languages and Civilization ([NEARE-20210204A](#)) Minor in Turkish

Background: The department has proposed a new credential within the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization minor program of study

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members noted that all of the NELC minors met the guidelines for a new minor and did not have any comments or concerns. They voted unanimously to forward all of the minors to FCAS.

Near Eastern Languages and Civilization ([NEARE-20210204B](#)) Minor in Turkic Languages

Background: The department has proposed a new credential within the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization minor program of study

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members noted that all of the NELC minors met the guidelines for a new minor and did not have any comments or concerns. They voted unanimously to forward all of the minors to FCAS.

Near Eastern Languages and Civilization ([NEARE-20210204C](#)) Minor in Modern Hebrew

Background: The department has proposed a new credential within the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization minor program of study

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members noted that all of the NELC minors met the guidelines for a new minor and did not have any comments or concerns. They voted unanimously to forward all of the minors to FCAS.

Near Eastern Languages and Civilization ([NEARE-20210204D](#)) Minor in Arabic

Background: The department has proposed a new credential within the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization minor program of study

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members noted that all of the NELC minors met the guidelines for a new minor and did not have any comments or concerns. They voted unanimously to forward all of the minors to FCAS.

Near Eastern Languages and Civilization ([NEARE-20210204E](#)) Minor in Persian

Background: The department has proposed a new credential within the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization minor program of study

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members noted that all of the NELC minors met the guidelines for a new minor and did not have any comments or concerns. They voted unanimously to forward all of the minors to FCAS.

Industrial and Systems Engineering ([INDE-20200108](#)) Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree: Data Science

Background: The department is proposing a new option credential within the Industrial Engineering degree program of study

Action taken 05/29/2020: SCAP requested clarification about the option credit requirements, and asked the department to address the course capacity limitations expressed by some of the units approving the use of their courses for the proposed option.

Update 09/18/2020: The unit has responded (p.8), provided elective lists (p.10-14), and updated their proposed catalog copy (p.5).

Action taken 10/02/2020: SCAP requested clarification regarding the option requirements.

Update 10/23/2020: The department has updated the proposed catalog copy (p.6) and provided a revised course list (p.8).

Update 10/30/2020: Some discussion ensued, no official comments.

Update 11/13/2020: Some discussion ensued, no official comments.

Update 01/08/2021: Held until [UG-IND E-MAJOR](#) is approved.

Update 02/18/2021: [UG-IND E-MAJOR](#) approved

Action taken 04/02/2021: SCAP requested the department: (1) provide additional course options for SOC 225 in proposed requirement #1 due to limited course capacity; (2) consider expansion

of the proposed list of technical elective courses due to limited course capacity; (3) explain why a minimum of 25 credits are required for the option when it seems the minimum number of required credits could be 22 (minimum 11 credits each for proposed requirements #1 and #2).

Update 04/08/2021: The department has updated the proposed catalog copy to address #1 and #3, and responded to #2, "*Department faculty will consider comment about expanding technical elective course lists during their next periodic review of elective lists.*" (see audit log)

Action taken 04/16/2021: Forwarded to FCAS, contingent upon SCAP requested update that the proposed option may be completed with a minimum of 90 credits.

Update 04/20/2021: Department updated proposed completion requirements to adhere to SCAP's request.

SCAP Chair Notes: SCAP members were very pleased with the department's addition of two classes that can be taken in addition to SOC 225 and the correction to the minimum credits for the option. However, even with the revisions SCAP members noted that the minimum credits for the option was still over 90 credits. It was noted that if the proposal did not move forward this week it could not be approved in time for Fall and it was holding up the approval of two additional IND E program proposals. Since it was time sensitive, the SCAP members asked that the committee chair reach out to the Department to try to identify pathways to revise the Data Science option to get a reliable pathway to complete the option within 90 credits. I was able to connect with Jennifer Tsai and came up with a few scenarios to present with her faculty. The pathway selected actually resolves not only the 90 credit limit, it also resolves another SCAP concern about student's access to technical elective classes. The option will now be able to be completed in 87-93 credits and students would only need to complete 1 class from at least 2 of the 3 elective lists (one of which includes an IND E option). SCAP members voted unanimously to forward this proposal to FCAS if the department was able to propose a 90 credit or below option, which this does.