

**Faculty Council on Academic Standards
2019-2020 Annual Report
Submitted by chair Ann Huppert**

Summary:

During the 2019-2020 academic year, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS) met fifteen times in regular meetings, conducting its routine business regarding university policy relating to the academic affairs of the university, such as admissions policy, scholastic standards, university graduation requirements, and inter-institutional academic standards. Details of these actions can be found in the meeting minutes, which are located on the council's page on the UW Faculty Senate website. In addition to the routine business outlined above, the following non-routine business was conducted.

Major topics the council worked to address and/or completed during the year include:

❖ **[Class B Legislation 191: Graduate Courses](#)**

FCAS brought forward this legislation in response to the charge to review and codify the policies published on the council's website. It requires programs to justify a required GPA exceeding a 2.0 to pass individual courses. It was passed by the Faculty Senate on February 27, 2020.

❖ **[Class B 192: Grading](#)**

FCAS created this legislation in answer to their charge of reviewing academic policies. This prohibits undergraduate programs (100-400 level) from requiring students complete graduate courses (500 level and above). Undergraduate students may still enroll in those courses, but it should not be an academic requirement. It was passed by the Faculty Senate on January 23, 2020.

❖ **[Class B Legislation 193: Standardized Tests](#)**

This legislation was developed in response to the COVID-19 circumstances. UW uses holistic review during the admissions process and removing standardized tests as a minimum requirement aligns with best practices in undergraduate admissions. It was passed by the Faculty Senate in a special meeting on April 30, 2020.

❖ **[Class B Legislation 194: Hardship Withdrawal and Annual Drop](#)**

This legislation was also created in response to the COVID-19 circumstances. Various stakeholders across UW have recommended a change in the current Hardship Withdrawal and Annual Drop processes. The revisions will make for a more student-friendly system when it is most needed during a personal or global crisis. It was passed by the Faculty Senate in a special meeting on April 30, 2020.

❖ **[Class B Legislation 196](#): Satisfactory/Non-Satisfactory Grading**

This legislation was formed in response to the COVID-19 circumstances as well. During extraordinary circumstances, such as a global health crisis, the UW Registrar may allow satisfactory/non-satisfactory credits to meet graduation and degree requirements. It was passed by the Faculty Senate on May 14, 2020.

❖ **Policy and Procedure Review**

The council reviewed additional policies that will be brought forward to the Faculty Senate next year, including those on Equivalent Courses and on Composition and Writing courses. The Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs (SCAP) revised the process for review of new program proposals (1503s).

Council members during 2019-20 academic year:

Faculty Code Section 21-61 A: Ann Huppert (Chair), Radhika Govindrajan, Tom Lee, Mike Lockwood, Zhi Lin, Marjorie Olmstead, Joel Ross, Scott Spaulding, Jennifer Turns

Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Connor Casey, Sam Akeyo, Joe Wilson, Jennifer Payne, Dan Feetham, Meera Roy

Presidential Designee: Phillip J. Reid

Guests: Janice DeCosmo, Michaelann Jundt, Scott Fallgren, Tina Miller, Luz Iniguez, Helen Garrett