

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

May 24, 2019  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
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**Meeting Synopsis**

1. Call to order
  2. Review minutes from May 10, 2019
  3. Chair's report
  4. Discussion led by Joe Janes and Mike Townsend
  5. QSR language
  6. SCAP report
  7. SCAG update
  8. Good of the order
  9. Adjourn
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**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Review minutes from May 10, 2019**

The minutes from May 10, 2019 were approved as written.

**3. Chair's report**

Stroup, the chair, informed the council that she is hoping to coordinate the writing advisory group together over the summer. This group would provide guidance to admissions and enrollment regarding the application essay.

The chair also notified the council of a class offered at the College of Education, EDUC 215: Wellness and Resilience for College & Beyond. The course is 5 Credits for 2.5 contact hours per week. The chair commented that it is not an academic class and is unsure if it should have been approved. She further noted that the average grade is 3.75 and the median is a 4.00. She will discuss this class with Phil Reid, Vice Provost of Academic and Student Affairs, and request an audit.

The chair shared that there will be fewer faculty members on FCAS next year and that there is not yet a chair of SCAP. She anticipates that FCAS may need to include SCAP work.

Angelia Miranda introduced Sam Akeyo who is the new ASUW Director of University Affairs.

**4. Discussion led by Joe Janes and Mike Townsend**

Joe Janes, acting Faculty Senate Chair, and Mike Townsend, Secretary of the Faculty, attended the council and provided greater insight to concerns raised at the last FCAS meeting. They informed the

council that FCAS should continue to review and approve 1503s. Over the summer they will work to review FCAS policies and procedures. Some of these policies will likely need Faculty Senate approval (via Class B legislation). Janes has agreed to sign 1503s until this issue is clarified. Helen Garrett, University Registrar, committed herself and the University Curriculum Committee to help with this work.

## **5. QSR language**

The chair shared that there is not a definition/guideline for Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (QSR). Bothell and Tacoma have different interpretations of QSR. One suggestion is that in order to receive QSR designation at least 50 percent of the learning objectives need to be based in math and stats. The chair asked for input from the council. A member recommended that the definition consider transfer degree so that those students are not negatively impacted. Members will look at definitions used by community colleges and send versions to the chair.

## **6. SCAP report**

### ***Routine business:***

#### **#1 – Nursing**

The request is for revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN).

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

#### **#2 – Nursing**

The request is for revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (ABSN).

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

### ***Non-routine business:***

#### **#3 – Civil and Environmental Engineering**

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering degree. The department is proposing revising a program requirement to require one science course from an approved list.

The request is back from tri-campus, with two comments, and was approved by majority vote.

#### **#4 – Laboratory Medicine**

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science degree. Course proposals for LAB M 430 and LAB M 435 are on the April UWCC meeting agenda.

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

#### **#5 – Earth & Space Sciences**

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

The request is back from tri-campus, without comments, and was approved by majority vote.

#### **#6 – The Information School**

The request is for revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Informatics. The department is proposing to change to a twice-a-year admission cycle. FCAS previously reviewed this request on January 25, 2019, but returned the proposal to SCAP for additional revisions.

A member commented that the proposal may not help students in the way that it intends. The member was concerned that students who apply and are not admitted may consequently not have a major after their Junior year and thus would not be able to complete the major. Members discussed this potential issue. One member noted that this is a structural problem, and FCAS cannot fix this issue.

The request was approved, one abstention, and forwarded for tri-campus review.

#### **#7 – Philosophy**

The request is for an Ethics Option within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy.

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

#### **7. SCAG update**

Due to time constraints this the council will receive an update at a future meeting.

#### **8. Good of the order**

Nothing was stated.

#### **9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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

**Present:** **Faculty:** Sarah Stroup (Arts & Sciences) (chair), Phil Brock (Arts & Sciences), Dan Ratner (Engineering), Mike Lockwood (Naval ROTC), Lynn Dietrich (Education), Ann Huppert (Built Environments), Radhika Govindrajan (Arts & Sciences), Champak Chatterjee (Arts & Sciences), Zhi Lin (Arts & Sciences)  
**President's designee:** Philip Ballinger  
**Ex-officio reps:** Dan Feetham, Angelia Miranda, Jennifer Payne  
**Guests:** Robin Neal, Robert Corbett, Emily Leggio, Helen Garrett, Scott Fallgren, Erica Coleman

**Absent:**

**Faculty:** Joel Thornton (Environment), D. Shores (Business)

**Ex-officio reps:** Melissa Saiz-Matheny, Conor Casey, Meera Roy