

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

April 13th, 2018
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of the minutes from March 9th, 2018
 3. SCAP report
 4. Good of the order
 5. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

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

2) Review of the minutes from March 9th, 2018

The minutes from March 9th, 2018 were approved as written.

3) SCAP report

Routine Business

#1 – Biochemistry

The request is for revised admission and program requirements for Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry to include a new accelerated General Chemistry sequence and to make a change to the total degree credits.

#2 – Chemistry

The request is for revised admission and program requirements for Bachelor of Science in Chemistry to include a new accelerated General Chemistry sequence and to make a change to the total degree credits.

#3 – Chemistry

The request is for revised admission and program requirements for Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, ACS Certified, to include a new accelerated General Chemistry sequence and to make a change to the total degree credits.

The requests were approved by majority vote of members.

Non-routine Business back from tri-campus review

#1 – Art

The request is for a new Honors requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Art.

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

#2 – Engineering

A new admissions pathway has been proposed for programs in the College of Engineering: the Washington State Academic Redshirt (STARS).

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

#3 – Earth & Space Sciences

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

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

#4 – Human Centered Design and Engineering

The request is for a new Option in Data Science within the Bachelor of Science degree in Human Centered Design and Engineering.

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

#5 – Nutritional Sciences

The department is proposing to change the name of the minor in Nutritional Sciences to minor in Nutrition.

The request was approved by majority vote of members with one abstention.

Non-routine Business

#1 – Education

The request is for a change in general education requirements for the College of Education, to drop the graduation requirement of a foreign language through the 3rd quarter for each of its undergraduate programs.

There was some discussion. A member clarified that upon approval of this request, the only two remaining UW colleges with foreign language graduation requirements will be Arts and Sciences and Social Work. One member was unsatisfied with the included rationale for the change, as he felt the change had not been sufficiently reasoned.

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

#2 – French and Italian Studies

The request is for revised program requirements and change of name for the minor in Italian. The name will be changed to minor in Italian Language and Culture.

After some communication between SCAP and the department, the department informed SCAP that some courses had already been revised to place more emphasis on cultural content.

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

#3 – Computer Science & Engineering

The request is for revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. The Paul G. Allen School proposes to change to an admissions model in which approximately 50% of its annual Computer Science cohort is admitted directly to the Computer Science major as incoming freshmen, and the remaining approximately 50% are admitted as Currently Enrolled UW students (~34%) or Entering Transferring Applicants (~16%). This proposed change will apply only to the Computer Science major. A member explained the proposal was withdrawn from consideration in the March 9 FCAS agenda, and has returned with slight modifications. Members were asked to give feedback.

There was some discussion of methods of informing transfer students of the fact that they may not be admitted to CSE in winter quarter given these changes. It was noted informing university advisors of this fact would be prudent.

A member noted the existing catalog copy includes a sentence concerning the program being capacity-constrained, which is not present in the revised version. He explained the catalog copy should be revised and this information added back in.

After some discussion, a member moved to advance the proposal under the condition that the missing language be inserted. The motion was approved.

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

#4 – Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health to update the associated Chemistry requirements.

The request was approved by majority vote of members.

4) Good of the order

Changes to undergraduate curriculum coordination process

Tina Miller (Senior Associate Registrar and Chief Residency Officer, University Registrar) explained the undergraduate curriculum coordination process (aka. tri-campus review) has been formally revised by the Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy (FCTCP) and the changes reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The revisions eliminate involvement of the FCTCP in the curriculum coordination process as well as add a Notice of Proposal (NOP) provision within a newly-defined "Stage O," requiring that an NOP be sent to the University Registrar/posted electronically for review for all substantive programmatic creations/changes (applicable to undergraduate degrees, majors, minors, options, or other transcriptable credentials). The changes are designed to improve upon the undergraduate curriculum coordination process by facilitating review by all campus stakeholders at an earlier stage in program development.

Medical Excuse Note Policy development

A tentative draft has been developed for the Medical Excuse Note Policy (a joint effort between FCAS and the Faculty Council on Student Affairs). One faculty member explained he discussed the notion of the UW disallowing use of medical excuse notes in his departmental meeting, and while the faculty were in favor of the Policy, "best practices" were requested for arbitrating student absences if medical documentation is no longer allowed.

5) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes by Joey Burgess, jmbg@uw.edu, council support analyst

Present: **Faculty:** Dan Ratner (Engineering), D. Shores (Business), John Sahr (Engineering), Phil Brock (Arts & Sciences), Mike Lockwood (Naval ROTC), Radhika Govindrajan (Arts & Sciences), Zhi Lin (Arts & Sciences), Champak Chatterjee (Arts & Sciences)
Ex-officio reps: Navid Azodi, Robin Neal, Meera Roy, Jennifer Payne
President's designee: Philip Ballinger
Guests: Emily Leggio, Helen Garrett, Tina Miller, Janice DeCosmo

Absent: **Faculty:** Daniel Enquobahrie (Public Health), Ann Huppert (Built Environments), Sarah Stroup (Arts & Sciences) (chair), , Lynn Dietrich (Education)

Ex-officio reps: Conor Casey, Louie Tan Vital