

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

May 12th, 2017
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of minutes from April 28th, 2017
 3. Chair's report
 4. SCAP report
 5. Good of the order
 6. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

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

2) Review of minutes from April 28th, 2017

The minutes from April 28th, 2017 were approved as amended.

3) Chair's report

Ratner provided an overview of the deliberation of two pieces of FCAS Class B legislation in the most recent Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting. The Class B legislation on ROTC priority registration was approved and forwarded to the Faculty Senate after some discussion of its intersection with State Law.

The draft Class B legislation on Interdisciplinary Concentration (IC) was discussed at length with concerns centered on intersection with Activity-based Budgeting (ABB). There were some comments relating to departments' ability to exclusively "own" individual ICs. Most SEC members were in favor of the legislation, but believed an associated FCAS policy should be developed before it is implemented. Ratner noted the legislation will not be forwarded to the Faculty Senate this year, but new rationale language will be developed to provide deeper background and respond to some of the questions heard in the SEC. He added that an ad-hoc meeting (with representation from FCAS and other bodies) will be held later in the month to discuss ABB-related issues, and ICs will now be a topic of discussion in that meeting, as well.

It was noted an example of an IC should be presented alongside the legislation the next time it is forwarded to the SEC.

4) SCAP report

Old Non-Routine Business

The below items came forward from tri-campus review with no comments with the exception of one proposal.

#1 – Comparative Literature, Cinema, and Media Studies

The request is for a new Interdisciplinary Minor in Environmental Cultures and Values. The Minor would be open and consist of 25 credits.

The request was approved by majority vote of council members.

#2 – Germanics

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in German as well as the Minor in German to decrease the total number of credits of the BA from 60 to 51, and restructure the Minor.

The request was approved by majority vote of council members.

#3 – College of Engineering

The request is to establish a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering wherein applicants selected for Direct to College (DTC) admission are placed into “Engineering Undeclared” status upon admittance and would then be eligible to request placement into once of the programs offered by the College.

The request was approved by majority vote of council members.

- #4 – Aeronautics and Astronautics
- #5 – Bioengineering
- #6 – Chemical Engineering
- #7 – Civil and Environmental Engineering
- #8 – Civil and Environmental Engineering
- #9 – Computer Engineering
- #10 – Electrical Engineering
- #11 – Human Centered Design and Engineering
- #12 – Industrial and systems engineering
- #13 – Materials Science and Engineering
- #14 – Mechanical Engineering

The requests are part of the process for establishing a new admissions process for all programs in the College of engineering.

The requests were approved by majority vote of council members

#15 – Asian Languages and Literature

The request is for a new Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian Languages and Cultures. The BA would be made up of 60 credits and include minimum requirements.

There was some question as to why the department wanted to include minimum requirements. Discussion ensued. It was noted the Major used to exist at the UW but was eliminated. A member pointed out that each of the department's other Majors include minimum requirements, which may explain part of the rationale.

The request was held to consult with the department on if the new Major should include minimum requirements.

#16 – French and Italian Studies

The request is for a new 30-credit Minor in French Language, Literature, and Culture.

#17 – French and Italian Studies

The request is for revised program requirements and a change of name from “Minor in French” to “Minor in French Language, Sociolinguistics, and Translation.”

Shores explained the above two Minor proposals differ (from each other) by a few courses. It was noted an RCEP (Reorganization, Consolidation, and Elimination Procedures) will be necessary to terminate the existing Minor in French program. Additionally, the council held some discussion of possible alternatives to structuring the two Minor programs as proposed, including constructing a single Minor that may be finished in two different ways. Shores clarified that the department had not been consulted on possible alternatives. A member clarified that the UW would no longer have a Minor in “French” if the above requests were approved.

The request was held to discuss alternatives with the department.

Routine Business

#1 – Medicine

The request is for revised program requirements for the Doctor of Medicine degree in Medicine, and includes proposed changes to courses for the Foundation Phase, Patient Care Phase, and Explore & Focus Phase of the degree program.

The request was approved by majority vote of the council.

#2 – Bioengineering

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering degree, as well as the Option in NanoMolecular Engineering. It includes changes to the capstone requirement, a revision to their technical writing and design preparation course, and changes to the NME option to make it consistent with the new requirements.

The request was approved by majority vote of council members.

#3 – Electrical Engineering

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree, as well as the Option in Nanoscience and Molecular Engineering.

The department is requesting to add “see adviser for list” instead of listing the courses in the Statistics requirement for both the BS and the Option. SCAP previously requested the catalog copy be revised to list required courses which was completed.

The request was approved by majority vote of council members.

5) Good of the order

Shores explained SCAP had previously discussed the degree to which a Minor’s, Major’s, and Option’s title should reflect its content and noted she is now seeking the council’s feedback on the topic. An example was given; a new Minor was proposed that included “culture” in the title, yet only a single course was incorporated that focuses on culture. Shores asked if FCAS would be willing to revise its Policy on Minors to respond to the concern of clarifying percentages of topics within a Minor. There was some discussion. Lowercase of minors, majors, and options.

One member noted he would like to avoid adding that topics listed in a Minor’s title be designated via percentages to the Policy. However, he would like to state in the Policy that content of a program should reflect its title, or that a Minor should include substantial content concerning its stated title. Other members agreed with the sentiment.

Shores noted she would tweak the language within the FCAS Policy on Minors and bring it back to FCAS for deliberation.

6) Adjourn

Ratner adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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

Present: **Faculty:** Phil Brock (Arts & Sciences), Patricia Kramer (Arts & Sciences), Dan Ratner (Engineering) (Chair), D. Shores (Business), John Sahr (Engineering), Champak Chatterjee (Arts & Sciences), Matthew Taylor (Arts & Sciences), Ann Huppert (Built Environments),
Ex-officio reps: Jennifer Payne, Jayda Greco, Kaitlyn Zhou, Donna Sharpe, Meera Roy
President’s designee: Philip Ballinger
Guests: Janice DeCosmo, Tina Miller, Robert Corbett, Emily Leggio, Helen Garrett

Absent: **Faculty:** Mark Johnson (Navy ROTC), Sarah Stroup (Arts & Sciences), Daniel Enquobahrie (Public Health), Lynn Dietrich (Education)
Ex-officio reps: Conor Casey