

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Academic Standards

April 28th, 2017
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of minutes from April 14th, 2017
 3. Chair's report
 4. SCAP report
 5. Good of the order
 6. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

Ratner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2) Review of minutes from April 14th, 2017

The minutes from April 14th, 2017 were approved as amended.

3) Chair's report

Design admissions issue

Ratner explained the admission processes for the Design program (previously discussed by FCAS during 2016-2017) have been found to be problematic relating to local policies at the UW, however, not in relation to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

W ("additional writing") Credit Policy

The Spanish and Portuguese programs within the College of Arts and Sciences have come forward with concerns relating to the recently-approved FCAS Policy on W ("additional writing") Credit, and are requesting flexibility concerning the timeline for implementation. After discussion, Ratner noted he would work with the departments to implement the new policy and report back to FCAS as necessary.

College Board

Ratner noted the College Board is hoping to host a UW faculty member to learn more about their internal workings as well as a new Advanced Placement (AP) program called the AP Capstone. FCAS members were encouraged to attend the event.

There was some discussion of the new AP program. AP Capstone is comprised of two AP courses (AP Seminar and AP Research) and is designed to complement and enhance the discipline-specific study that occurs for other AP courses. Ballinger (president's designee) explained that a pilot for the program was

carried out nationally and took place in two high schools in Washington. The courses include associated performance tasks, assessments, and application of research methodology that require students to analyze topics through multiple lenses, plan and conduct a study or investigation, propose solutions to real-world problems, and engage in other activities.

Evans School of Public Affairs / undergraduate program proposal

Ratner explained an ad-hoc group composed of members from the faculty senate leadership, FCAS, and the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB) plans to meet to discuss the Evans School of Public Affairs undergraduate program proposal (during spring quarter, 2017). He noted he will keep the council informed as discussions evolve.

Student-facing autumn 2018 UW application / DTC admissions

The UW College of Engineering is seeking FCAS feedback relating to the autumn 2018 application to the UW, as well as to the College itself under the direct-to-college (DTC) admissions model. A document was shown with draft application language (Exhibit 1).

Concerns center on the description of the DTC pathway in the application, which includes a sentence stating: "if you are not admitted Direct to College, it is unlikely that you will be admitted to Engineering later." Some believe the statement will have the unintended consequence of dissuading potential Engineering students from attempting to apply to the program through pathways outside of DTC admissions. Though it is true the largest body of new students to Engineering will be from DTC admissions, the remaining 50% of the cohort are planned to be admitted via other pathways. The language will go into the Coalition application system, and thus needs to be finalized by early May, 2017.

Potential replacement language was read aloud by Ratner, which came from the College as a recommended change.

There was some discussion. Members felt the language in question was clear and accurate, however, broadcasting it to students during their initial application to the UW was noted as the wrong time for that communication to occur.

Kramer explained the Subcommittee on Admissions and Graduation (SCAG) would look at the language in their next meeting and communicate with the College electronically.

4) SCAP report

#1 – Microbiology

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology. The department separated the lab and lecture section of a course (MICROM 444), and would therefore like to update the catalog copy with the new course numbers (MICROM 460 and MICROM 461). It was noted the catalog copy language was found to be unclear the last time FCAS reviewed it. After a change to the language was made by the department, SCAP recommended approval.

The request was approved by majority vote of council members.

Mathematics minor

Ratner explained the Department of Mathematics would like to temporarily suspend its Minor in Mathematics in order to manage demand, as current demand far outweighs the department's capacity to teach. Members noted FCAS does not allow minors to be "capacity-constrained" according to the body's Policy on Minors. Ratner asked if in relation to the problem, FCAS should allow temporary suspension of the Minor in order to solve the problem in the interim, or should the issue be dealt with as soon as possible by another method.

A member explained the issue is a capacity-related/budgetary issue that cannot be solved simply by hiring new temporary faculty (according to the department). He recommended the issue be adjudicated by the College of Arts and Sciences as opposed to FCAS. There was some discussion of concern for UW students.

5) Good of the order

Provost search committee

Kramer noted she has been asked to serve as a member of the Provost Search Committee.

Current definition of capacity-constrained majors in use by the Registrar's Office

A document was displayed showing revised language for the definition of "capacity-constrained majors" used within the Registrar's Office (Exhibit 2). The current definition requires revision because it includes the word "competitive" and FCAS recently designated that uses of the term "competitive major" be substituted with "capacity-constrained major." The definition will be student-facing, and used both within undergraduate advising webpages and for the "find program" module of MyPlan. The revised definition states:

"Students must complete all of the minimum requirements to apply. Admission is not guaranteed, because spaces are limited."

A member noted the new draft language is simple and works for a variety of disciplines. After some discussion, another member moved that FCAS accept the language as revised. The motion was approved by majority-vote.

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), Mark Johnson (Navy ROTC), Patricia Kramer (Arts & Sciences), Dan Ratner (Engineering) (chair), John Sahr (Engineering), Lynn Dietrich (Education), Matthew Taylor (Arts & Sciences), Ann Huppert (Built Environments), Daniel Enquobahrie (Public Health),
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

Absent:

Faculty: Champak Chatterjee (Arts & Sciences), Sarah Stroup (Arts & Sciences),
D. Shores (Business)

Ex-officio reps: Conor Casey

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – DtC Aut 2018 Application Language as of 4-25-2017.doc

Exhibit 2 – definitioncapconstrained_fcas_042817.doc

Language to display on top of page:

Please indicate your first choice intended major. Once enrolled, you may change your major.

Still deciding? No problem. Select “Pre-Major” below.

Applicants are admitted through one of the following pathways:

<p>Pre-Major Most students are assigned “Pre-Major” status at the time of admission to UW, including those who were not admitted Direct to Major or Direct to College. This category includes pre-professional fields, such as medicine.</p>
<p>Direct to Major A small percentage of students are accepted directly to majors when admitted to UW.</p>
<p>Direct to College* applies to applicants who select a major in the College of Engineering. Admitted Engineering students will be assigned “Engineering Undeclared” status. If you are not admitted Direct to College, it is unlikely that you will be admitted to Engineering later.</p> <p>*Computer Science and Bioresource Science & Engineering do not participate in Direct to College admission.</p>

Draft language to display in check box:

Major	Type	Check box text
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Pre-Majors	I understand that by selecting this area of interest, if admitted, I will be assigned “Pre-Major” status, which will allow me to explore options and/or complete pre-requisites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Architecture • Biochemistry • Chemistry • Computer Science • Construction Management • Informatics • Neurobiology • Music 	Capacity constrained - Direct to Major	I understand that by selecting this as my first choice major, I will be automatically considered for Direct to Major admission. I also understand that I may be admitted to the UW but not Direct to Major. In that case, I will have the opportunity to apply for this or another major at a later date as a UW student.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aeronautics & Astronautics • Bioengineering • Chemical Engineering • Civil Engineering • Computer Engineering • Electrical Engineering • Environmental Engineering (new in 2018) • Human Centered Design & Engineering • Industrial Engineering • Materials Science & Engineering 	Capacity constrained - Direct to College	By selecting an engineering major as my first choice, I understand that I will be automatically considered for Direct to College admission, and, if admitted to Engineering, my offer letter will indicate my assigned major as “Engineering Undeclared.” I also understand that I may be admitted to the UW but not to Engineering. In that case, I <u>would be assigned “Pre-Major” status, and if I chose to enroll at</u>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mechanical Engineering• Engineering Undecided		<p>the UW, I would need to be am prepared to pursue a non-engineering major and I will be assigned Pre-Major status.</p>
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