

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

March 17th, 2017
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Gerberding 26

Meeting synopsis:

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

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

2) Review of minutes from March 3rd, 2017

The minutes from March 3rd, 2017 were approved as written.

3) Chair's report

New undergraduate program

A new undergraduate program is currently under development within the Evans School of Public Policy. The School currently only offers postgraduate degree programs. There are concerns that the program may have overlap with current course offerings in the Department of Political Science, as well as questions regarding course equivalencies between the two programs. Members noted "affected unit sign-off" is one element of the 1503 approval process.

There was some discussion of the Provost's role in consulting with a school before it undergoes a large change (e.g. a graduate school beginning to teach undergraduate courses). Additional discussion surfaced regarding questions relating to UW undergraduate students and if an argument could be made that they are not being served by existing university offerings, as well as if there is proof that demand for the curriculum in question has outgrown supply.

NWCCU review of DTC admissions in the College of Engineering

There was some discussion of a potential need for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) to approve the Direct-to-College (DTC) admissions change of the UW College of Engineering (under its recently revised "substantive-change policy and process").

4) SCAP report

Old Non-Routine Business

#1 – Comparative Literature, Cinema, and Media Studies

The request is for a new Interdisciplinary Minor in Environmental Cultures and Values. The department has proposed it as an open Minor. Another college collaborating on the proposed Minor is the College of the Environment.

The request was approved by majority vote of the council.

Continued Review of CoE 1503s

The council continued its review of the departmental 1503s from the College of Engineering (CoE) relating to the change to their admission requirements to shift 50% of enrolled students to Direct-to-College (DTC) admissions as entering 1st year students.

Stroup noted that all of the changes requested in the last FCAS meeting (relating to the 1503s) have been implemented. She explained Scott Winter (Associate Director, Engineering Student Academic Services) has consulted with both her (as FCAS chair) and individual CoE departments to provide clarifications on various questions.

#1 – Aeronautics and Astronautics

#2 – Bioengineering

#3 – Chemical Engineering

Payne asked for greater clarification in a sentence listed under “General Expectations of Academic Progress” related to the reference to “autumn quarter.” Ratner noted it could be clarified via substitute language “by the start of autumn quarter Junior classes.” He noted he would contact the department to make the change.

#4 – Civil and Environmental Engineering

#5 – Civil and Environmental Engineering(2)

#6 – Computer Engineering

#7 – Electrical Engineering

#8 – Human Centered Design and Engineering

#9 – Industrial and Systems Engineering

#10 – Materials Science and Engineering

#11 – Mechanical Engineering

The 1503s were bundled together and voted on as one unit. Each CoE departmental 1503 request was approved by majority vote of the council.

New Non-Routine Business

#1 – Germanics

The request is for elimination of the Minor is German Linguistics. An RCEP (Reorganization, Consolidation, and Elimination Procedures) will be initiated. It was noted no students have been in the

program since 2011, there is no known student interest in the Minor, and faculty who previously taught the program have since retired. There was a clarification that the department should have requested suspending access to the Minor while the RCEP process is carried out. Members noted once the RCEP is completed, the request for elimination of the Minor will return to the council.

New Routine Business

#1 – Dance

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance to reduce the number of credits required to declare the Major from 6 credits to 5 credits.

The council approved the request by majority vote.

#2 – Germanics

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in German as well as the Minor in German, and includes a series of changes which would decrease the total number of credits of the BA from 60 to 51, as well as restructure the Minor. The minor is 35 credits.

The request was approved by majority vote of the council.

5) Good of the order

The council thanked Ratner for chairing the remainder of the council's meeting during the 2016-2017 academic year.

6) Adjourn

Stroup adjourned the meeting at 2:37 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), D. Shores (Business), Sarah Stroup (Arts & Sciences) (chair), Daniel Enquobahrie (Public Health)
Ex-officio reps: Jennifer Payne, Donna Sharpe, Meera Roy
President's designee: Phil Ballinger
Guests: Janice DeCosmo, Robert Corbett, Helen Garrett, Emily Leggio, Tina Miller

Absent: **Faculty:** Mark Johnson (Navy ROTC), Champak Chatterjee (Arts & Sciences), Lynn Dietrich (Education), John Sahr (Engineering), Matthew Taylor (Arts & Sciences), Ann Huppert (Built Environments)
Ex-officio reps: Jayda Greco, Conor Casey, Kaitlyn Zhou

Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs (SCAP) Report

1:30-3:00 p.m.

March 10, Gerberding 026

Old Non-Routine Business:

Comparative Literature, Cinema, and Media Studies- ([C LIT-20161128](#)) Interdisciplinary Minor in Environmental Cultures and Values

Background: The Department is proposing a new open minor. The minor would consist of 25 credits.

Action taken 02/10/2017: SCAP noted that this being an interdisciplinary program, students should take one course from each area of focus before taking the capstone. Additionally they had some comments about the 1503 and Catalog Copy.

Update 02/17/2017: The department has updated the 1503 and Catalog Copy as requested, however, they have provided a response/question regarding SCAP's recommendation that students should take one course from each area of focus before taking the capstone.

Action taken 02/24/2017: SCAP requested additional information regarding the compromise cited in response to SCAP's recommendation that students should take one course from each area of focus before taking the capstone.

Update 01/03/2017: The Department has responded, see attached (p. 017).

Action taken 10/03/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

College of Engineering- ([ENGR](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering (see below).

Background: The College of Engineering is submitting a proposal to establish a new admission pathway and process for freshmen where applicants selected for Direct to College (DTC) admission are placed into "Engineering Undeclared" status upon admittance. They would then be eligible to request placement into one of the programs offered by the College of Engineering. See below individual proposals and rationale.

Aeronautics and Astronautics- ([AA-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Bioengineering- ([BIOEN-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Chemical Engineering- ([CHEME-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Civil and Environmental Engineering- ([CIVE-20170110](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Civil and Environmental Engineering- ([ENGR-20170130](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Computer Engineering- ([CMPE-20170120](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Electrical Engineering- ([EE-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Human Centered Design and Engineering- ([HCDE-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Industrial and Systems Engineering- ([INDE-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Materials Science and Engineering- ([MSE-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Mechanical Engineering- ([ME-20170119](#)) Establishing a new admission process for all programs in the College of Engineering.

Action taken 02/24/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

New-Non Routine

Germanics ([GERMAN-20170111B](#)) Elimination of the Minor in German Linguistics

Background: The Department is submitting a notification of their intent to suspend admission to the Minor in German Linguistics. UWCO has sent the department information regarding the RCEP process.

Action taken 10/03/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

New Routine

Dance ([DANCE-20170202](#)) Revised Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance

Background: The Department would like to reduce the number of credits required to declare the major from 6 to 5 to facilitate entry into the program.

Action taken 10/03/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Germanics ([GERMAN-20170111A](#)) Revised Program Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in German, as well as the Minor in German

Background: The Department is proposing a series of changes which would decrease the total number of credits of the BA from 60 to 51, as well as a restructuring of their minor.

Action taken 10/03/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Academic Explorer- [College of Arts and Sciences](#)
 [School of Social Work](#)
 [School of Medicine](#)

Background: Academic explorer was presented to FCAS this past February. They determined the *overviews* (columns D and G) and *admission types* (column H) should be review first by SCAP, and then by FCAS. The College of the Environment was the first batch presented for review to SCAP, these are new Colleges/Schools ready for your review.

Action taken 10/03/2017: Approved and forwarded to FCAS.