

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

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Gerberding 142

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Call to order
  2. Welcome and Introductions
  3. Review of the minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  4. Council orientation
  5. FCAS orientation and subcommittee sign up
  6. SCAP report
  7. 2016-2017 council charge letter
  8. Good of the order
  9. Adjourn
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**1) Call to order**

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

**2) Welcome and Introductions**

Members and guests of the council introduced themselves. There were four new faculty members on the council: Matthew Taylor (Anthropology), Lynn Dietrich (Early Childhood and Family Studies), Ann Huppert (Architecture), and John Sahr (Electrical Engineering).

**3) Review of the minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were approved as amended.

**4) Council orientation**

Burgess (Council Support Analyst) gave an orientation to the council on its role and function within the faculty senate and the larger university. He used a PowerPoint as part of his presentation (Exhibit 1). There was a question relating to FERPA compliance of the council's file-share service, Google Drive. The response was that Google Drive is FERPA compliant, according to UW-IT's website.

**5) FCAS orientation and subcommittee sign up**

Stroup held an FCAS orientation for new members. She asked subcommittee chairs to provide a brief description of the work and purview of their subcommittees before a sign-up sheet was passed around to facilitate new members joining subcommittees.

It was noted the Honors subcommittee typically meets once in fall quarter and twice during spring quarter, the Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs (SCAP) meets every other Friday during

academic quarters (with the exception of summer quarter), and the Subcommittee on Admissions and Graduation (SCAG) plans to poll its membership to find times for meetings.

## **6) SCAP report**

### **Old Non-Routine Business**

#### **#1 - Bioethics and Humanities**

The request is for revised program requirements and change of program name for the minor in Bioethics.

The request was approved by a majority vote of the council.

#### **#2 - Early Childhood & Family Studies**

The request is for updated requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Family Studies.

The request was approved by a majority vote of the council.

### ***New Non-Routine Business***

#### **#1 – Economics**

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

Brock explained SCAP had concerns over the rationale behind a decision to set the minimum required GPA for course “ECON 382” at a 2.0. The department agreed to remove the requirement after consultation.

The request was approved by a majority vote of the council.

#### **#2 – Economics**

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Economics.

The request was approved by a majority vote of the council.

### ***New Routine Business***

#### **#1 – Anthropology**

The request is for revised requirements for the Option in Medical Anthropology and Global Health within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology.

The request was approved by a majority vote of the council.

### ***Additional Business***

Payne explained UW Tacoma had a question relating to overlapping courses (overlapping credits) for two or more minors:

*“Tacoma raised a question regarding overlapping credits for two different minors, and asked whether we have a policy that determines what percentage of coursework must be applied toward a specific minor. The parallel was drawn to the policy which states that students must take 60% of minor coursework outside their major, but there does not seem to be anything specific minor to minor.”*

There was a suggestion that FCAS create a “Guideline on Overlapping Minors.” It was noted this work should take place outside of the council’s meeting, with the draft result brought back to FCAS for approval.

There was a question of whether a student may receive a W (credit towards Writing requirement) in a course that is not in English. After discussion, it was suggested that FCAS needed more substantial data in the extent to which W credits have been offered for foreign language courses. Helen Garrett (University Registrar, Office of the Registrar) offered to help with the task of creating an audit of such courses.

### ***Held Business***

A question was raised concerning a request reviewed in SCAP from Comparative Literature, Cinema and Media. A member explained the question can be deduced to: “can a department offer both an option and a major within same area of focus?”

After some discussion, it was noted the council should deliberate the question as its own agenda item in a later meeting.

### **7) 2016-2017 council charge letter**

The council was asked to review the charge letter forwarded by senate leadership and to forward any concerns to Stroup; if no concerns are surfaced, the charge letter will be considered approved.

### **8) Good of the order**

Kramer explained Class B legislation on Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory Courses forwarded by FCAS in the last year was approved by UW faculty via a vote for objections. She explained the council should review the state of any of its pending legislation.

### **9) Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

**Present:**                      **Faculty:** Phil Brock, Mark Johnson, Patricia Kramer, Sarah Stroup (chair), Lynn Dietrich, John Sahr, Matthew Taylor, Ann Huppert

**Ex-officio reps:** Jennifer Payne, Peter Digre, Kaitlyn Zhou, Donna Sharpe, Meera Roy

**President's designee:** Philip Ballinger

**Guests:** Helen Garrett, Emily Leggio, Tina Miller

**Absent:**

**Faculty:** Dan Ratner, D. Shores, Daniel Enquobahrie, Champak Chatterjee,

**Ex-officio reps:** N/A

**Exhibits**

Exhibit 1 - Orientation to University Faculty Councils\_082216.pdf