

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Academic Standards
April 17th, 2015
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Call to order
 - 2) SCAP report
 - 3) Chair's report
 - 4) Good of the order
 - 5) Adjourn
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1) Call to order

Kramer called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2) SCAP report

Old Non-Routine Business

#1 – Digital and Experimental Media Arts

Digital and Experimental Media Arts has proposed a minor and no concerns were expressed during tri-campus review.

Kramer asked for discussion, and there was none.

The request was approved unanimously.

#2 – History

Keil noted SCAP had requested History refine their request. The program now has requirements of 2.25 GPA for every course that applies to the major. The request is designed to supply more options within the major.

Kramer asked for further discussion, and there was none.

The request was approved unanimously.

#3 – School of Music

The School of Music would like to establish a new major in American Music.

No comments were made during tri-campus review.

The request was approved unanimously.

Old Routine Business

#1 – Health Informatics and Health Information Management

The program submitted a request for revised continuation policy requirements for the degree. The program had agreed to SCAP's request, which included removing the capstone course management text from the continuation policy.

The request was approved unanimously.

#2 – Near Eastern Languages and Civilization

The request is for revised program requirements for the minor in Near Eastern Languages and Civilization. Janssen noted there is no explicit upper level requirement for the minor, which he explained is non-compliant with the FCAS policy on Minors. Keil will send back the request to the department, noting that 15 credits needs to be at the 300-400 level.

The request was held for revisions by the department.

New Routine Business

#1 – Honors

The request is for revised program requirements for the University Honors Program.

It was noted there was substantial discussion in SCAP over the request.

Kramer noted there are discrepancies between the catalogue copy of the 1503 and the department's intentions. She explained from a procedural standpoint, she should strikeout the conflicting language from the 1503 before approval. Keil noted he does not believe the department would be opposed to this. Kramer explained the council would move to approve the request, pending removal of items from the catalogue copy. She asked for additional discussion, and there was none.

The motion passed unanimously.

#2 – Marine Biology

The request is for revised program requirements for the minor in Marine Biology. Keil noted SCAP found this to be a good revision in its support of systematic completion of the minor, as the displaced single credit is difficult for students to satisfy in their senior year.

The request was approved unanimously.

3) Chair's report

Kramer noted she had not heard any updates on the state of the RCEP (Reorganization, consolidation, and elimination procedures) for the Evening Degree Program. She explained there are two Arts and Sciences majors and an additional two versions of majors that are a part of the Evening Degree Program. She clarified that last year FCAS approved a suspension of admission to these four programs - effective until the end of spring 2015.

Kramer explained she has attempted to get in touch with the College of Arts and Sciences over the matter but has received no updates. Janssen requested Ballinger (president's designee) inquire into the RCEP. Ballinger explained he would communicate with Arts and Sciences over the matter. He requested Kramer supply him with the relevant information before their meeting takes place.

4) Good of the order

Keil expressed interest in the council forwarding its views on the "biggest issues for the future of the university," to be used within the search process for a new permanent university president. He explained the biggest issue he sees is STEM degrees at the university going to competitive admissions. Kramer noted the council might approach Faculty Senate chair Kate O'Neill to aid in this. Keil noted he would be happy to take information from the council and compile a brief one-page document expressing the council's view on the larger issues to be tackled. Kramer noted competitive majors should be elevated to the top of the list of issues for new presidential candidates. She noted this is a great idea, and thanked Keil for his willingness to work outside of the council meetings to compile this document.

Janssen questioned if there were any online courses available at the UW that meet the diversity graduation requirement for students. Wensel replied that there are several online courses currently offered that do meet this requirement.

Janssen noted the Subcommittee on Admissions and Graduation (SCAG) has decided that there is value in "geo-based data" and would like the council's endorsement in the best ways to go forward in using that data. Janssen explained geo-based data is census data, including statistics on an applying student's area. Information may include population sizes, a variety of family statistic breakdowns, economic in-depth looks, and data on ethnicity. Janssen noted there have been controversies over using data on ethnicity. Badger noted student leaders are excited about using geo-based data and are going to want to conduct analyses of that data, as well. Ballinger noted geo-based data will provide more specific information on applying students than is currently available. He noted high schools are connected to the census blocks, which provides additional information. Janssen explained that the utilization of geo-based data will give enrollment application readers a better perspective on students' financial information. It was noted discussion would continue over the utilization of geo-based data in a later meeting.

5) Adjourn

Kramer adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

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

Present:

Faculty: Phil Brock, John Deehr, Don Janssen, Richard Keil, Patricia Kramer (chair), David Pengra, Dan Ratner, D. Shores

Ex-Officio representatives: Hailey Badger

President's designee: Phil Ballinger

Guests: Mel Wensel, Virjean Edwards, Robert Corbett, Emily Leggio

Absent:

Faculty: Robert Harrison, Peter Hoff, Sarah Stroup, Thaisa Way

Ex-Officio representatives: Robin Chin Roemer, LeAnne Jones Wiles