



## UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY  
Marcia Killien

April 12, 2010

Mark A. Emmert, President  
Office of the President  
Box 351230

SUBJECT: Class A Legislation #121

Dear President Emmert:

In accordance with the rules, the faculty has approved the Faculty Code amendment in Class A Bulletin No. 121: Volume Two, Part II, Chapter 42, Sections 42-31 and 42-35 (The Faculty Councils).

The results of the election submitted to the faculty for vote on March 12, 2010, are:

Total ballots distributed electronically:	4,140
Total ballots returned:	1,238
Percent of faculty who voted:	29.9%
Percentage of "yes" votes:	92.84%
Percentage of "no" votes:	1.95%
Percentage of abstentions:	5.21%

(The above percentage figures are based on ballots recorded electronically by the Catalyst Group.)

Attached is Professor Bruce Balick's certification that the faculty has voted to approve the changes as proposed in Class "A" Bulletin No. 121. Before the *University Handbook* can be revised, we need your approval. According to the *Faculty Code*, you have fourteen days to respond. We look forward to hearing from you by April 26, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Killien".

Marcia Killien  
Secretary of the Faculty

Enclosures

cc: Bruce Balick, Chair, Faculty Senate  
Carol Niccolls, Executive Assistant to the President  
Rebecca Deardorff, Director, Rules Coordination Office

**Class A Legislation #121**

**Proposed amendments to the Faculty Code.**

Volume Two, Part II, Chapter 42,  
Sections 42-31 and 42-35  
(The Faculty Councils).

CERTIFIED AS APPROVED:

APPROVED:



Bruce Balick, Chair  
Faculty Senate

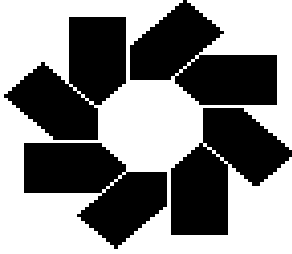


Mark A. Emmert  
President

Date: 4/12/2010

Date: 4.16.10

University of Washington  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
Box 351271



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**GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

At its meeting of March 11, 2010, the Faculty Senate approved legislation that eliminates the Faculty Council on University Relations.

***Election closes at 5 p.m. on April 2, 2010.***

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Faculty Senate Proposed Changes

(Additions are underlined; deletions are struck through)

Changes to Volume Two, Part II, Chapter 42, Sections 42-31 and 42-35

**Rationale:**

The Faculty Council on University Relations (FCUR) was established as an advisory body to the Office of the Vice President for University Relations, which no longer exists in the administrative structure at the University of Washington. The current FCUR operates almost exclusively as a faculty committee on honorary degrees, with responsibility established in 2002 by Class B legislation in the *University Handbook* (Volume Four, Part III, Chapter 11) for recommending candidates for honorary degrees to the President. Other issues which FCUR had once followed have been assigned to other Councils. Student/neighborhood issues are now overseen by the Faculty Council on Student Affairs, and various transportation issues, including the Sound Transit proposal for the campus and the impact of the proposed replacement of the SR 520 bridge, are overseen by the Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services and government relations issues are overseen by the Special Committee on Legislative Matters. That being the case, this legislation would retire the Faculty Council on University Relations. A concurrent Class C recommendation to create a Special Committee on Honorary Degrees has been drafted. The Special Committee will be staffed by the Office of the Associate Vice President for Media Relations and Communications. The Associate Vice President chairs the University's Committee on Ceremonies and is the President's designee to the Council or Committee managing honorary degrees.

Since "University Relations" no longer exists as an administrative structure at the UW; and since the Office of University Committees has found it necessary to curtail activities as a result of budget cutbacks; and given that the current Associate Vice President's Office accepts responsibility for staffing a special committee, this proposal was drafted to retire the FCUR and allow for the creation of a Special Committee on Honorary Degrees that reflects the reality of what is currently happening.

**Proposed changes:**

**Chapter 42: Faculty Councils (the Standing Committees of the University Faculty) and their duties**

**Section 42-31. The Faculty Councils**

A. As the principal advisory bodies to the Senate there shall be the following Faculty Councils:

1. The Faculty Council on Academic Standards;
2. ~~The Faculty Council on University Relations;~~

2. The Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs;
3. The Faculty Council on Research;
4. The Faculty Council on Student Affairs;
5. The Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services;
6. The Faculty Council on University Libraries;
7. The Faculty Council on Instructional Quality;
8. The Faculty Council on Educational Outreach;
9. The Faculty Council on Benefits and Retirement;
10. The Faculty Council on Educational Technology;
11. The Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy;
12. The Faculty Council for Women in Academia;
13. The Faculty Council for Multicultural Affairs.

B. Faculty Councils may be abolished and created only by amendment to the *Faculty Code*.

C. Faculty Councils are responsible to the Executive Committee of the Senate.

**Section 42-35. Faculty Council on University Relations**

~~The Faculty Council on University Relations shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to University relations, including community affairs; government relations at the local, state, and federal levels; public service; University communications; and alumni relations.~~

Submitted by:  
Faculty Council on University Relations  
November 16, 2009

Approved by:  
Senate Executive Committee  
November 16, 2009

Approved by:  
Faculty Senate  
December 3, 2009

Approved by:  
Senate Executive Committee  
January 11, 2010

Approved by:  
Faculty Senate  
March 11, 2010