

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY, December 14, 2007, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
224 Mary Gates Hall

The Chair, George Dillon, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Chair's Report: Introduction of new members
2. Approval of the minutes
3. Subcommittee Reports:
 - SCAP
 - Honors
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

1. Chair's Report: Introduction of new members

The Chair welcomed three new members to the FCAS council today, Gunnar Almgren, Sarah Stroup, and James Antony. He announced that their appointments would go before the Senate Executive Committee for approval in mid-January. Council member Stroup agreed to sit on the Admissions and Graduation subcommittee that Susanna Cunningham is chairing. Dillon reported that FCAS has been asked to supervise the 10 Year Review process by the Graduate School. With about 20 reviews running a year, Dillon raised concerns about having enough coverage on FCAS.

2. Approval of the minutes

Council members approved the November minutes with a few small corrections.

3. Subcommittee Reports:

- **SCAP**

SCAP Chair Jay Johnson was not present today so George Dillon gave the report. He noted that SCAP reviewed two new requests for changes in program requirements. The first one was a request from the Medical History and Ethics program to add one course to its list of possible requirements and remove six others due to their lack of availability. SCAP approved the request as "routine."

The second request was from Environmental and Occupational Health for a revision in their admissions requirements to change to a competitive major. Dillon noted that there is pressure on enrollment and the program wants to sustain its major. SCAP approved the request as "routine" pending responses to questions raised concerning the rationale for 90 credits and catalogue edits.

New Business for SCAP included two issues the subcommittee decided did not pertain to their business. The first issue concerned a Public Health minor that requires a Medical History and Ethics course. MHE was not aware of the requirement and has space/allotment issues with its own students in the course required by Public Health. SCAP decided this was an issue the two departments must work out between themselves.

The second issue concerned the College of Engineering discussing the 5-year BS/MS engineering degree. It was not considered a SCAP issue because it does not affect the undergraduate program at the time. The Graduate School is not comfortable with the arrangement of undergraduates taking 500 level courses that will be used towards a master's degree. SCAP members will meet with the Graduate School to discuss this issue. Dillon noted that he foresees the BS/MS degree issue coming back to FCAS.

The last issue of new business concerned the School of Nursing adding the completion of the English Language Proficiency requirement to the application process. SCAP member Debbie Wiegand reported that she had contacted the department and heard that they will drop the requirement for this year. She spoke with them about the need to submit a 1503 form if they decide to keep the change.

- **HONORS**

Council member and Honors subcommittee co-Chair John Schaufelberger reported that the subcommittee had met and discussed cut-off figures for honors students.

Council member Susanna Cunningham reported that the subcommittee tasked with the English Language Proficiency issue will meet next on Friday, December 28, 2007 at 11 a.m. in Schmitz Hall. New members were given an overview of the issues involved.

The Chair recapped for new members the task of the subcommittee addressing "rigor" in undergraduate courses. Dillon noted that the subcommittee has four members, two from FCAS and two from FCIQ.

4. Old Business

There was no old business.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjourn

The council voted to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes by Melissa Kane, Faculty Senate, mmkane@u.washington.edu, or 543-2884

Present: **Faculty:** Cunningham, Dillon (Chair), Holt, Keil, Schaufelberger
President's Designee: Mildon
Ex Officio Reps: Fugate, Haag Day, Rocha
Regularly Invited Guests: Corbett, Sahr, Wiegand, Winslow

Absent: **Special Guests:** Almgren, Antony, Stroup
Faculty: Fitzpatrick (excused), Johnson
Ex Officio Reps: McManaway (excused)
Regularly Invited Guests: Ballinger (excused)