

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY, January 25, 2008, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair George Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Chair's Report:
 - House Bill 2783
 - Work Group of Provost's Task Force Meeting
3. Report on FCTCP meeting on Cross Campus Registration &c.--Brad
4. Subcommittee reports:
 - Admissions and Graduation-- (Susanna? Rick? Phil?)
 - SCAP--Jay
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

1. Approval of minutes

The council approved the minutes as submitted.

2. Chair's Report:

• **House Bill 2783**

Chair George Dillon announced that the State Legislature was reintroducing a transfer students "bill of rights." He noted that it included the revival of a uniform numbering system for all lower division general education courses. He also noted that sections calling for colleges to credit all non-regionally accredited courses and to prominently display the new policies have been removed from the bill for the time being. Guest John Sahr described HB2783 as presuming that the current transfer system is broken when it is actually suffering from an insufficient capacity in the baccalaureate system. It was agreed that no action was required by FCAS.

• **Work Group of Provost's Task Force Meeting**

Dillon noted that the subcommittee on the ESL issue had finally met. Susanna Cunningham updated the council, noting that the Provost's Task Force will meet weekly on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. She described their discussion as "good," which included a conversation about covering remedial courses under regular tuition, or not considering them as remedial. She noted that the committee took no action. She said they are making case-by-case decisions and plan to create an interim report by March. She noted that the FCAS subcommittee looking into the ESL issue will start to review the policy for international students at their February 4th meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Schmitz 208.

3. Report on FCTCP meeting on Cross Campus Registration &c.—Brad

Council member Brad Holt described the cross-campus enrollment issue facing the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy (FCTCP). He reviewed his discussion with the FCTCP council in which it was decided to allow freshman to take classes away from their home campus. Holt distributed a handout with the number of UW students cross-enrolled, by campus, and the FCTCP proposed update to the current requirements for taking cross-campus courses. He highlighted key elements of the proposal which included:

- No minimum credits required at home campus each quarter
- For freshman, 25 credits from home campus accrued before being allowed to cross-enroll; for all other undergraduates, 15 credits required.
- Undergraduate students would be allowed to accrue a maximum of 15 credits away from their home campus each academic year
- Undergraduate students would be allowed to apply a maximum of 45 cross-enrolled credits to their degree

Holt noted that one of his concerns is that advisers are saying that some of their students are focusing on transferring to UW-Seattle, and yet it is much harder to transfer there from UW-Tacoma or UW-Bothell versus transferring from a community college. A second issue is the number of allowed credits. Holt raised the concern of where the money goes with these cross-enrolled credits. A third issue raised was the policy itself, because it needs to be clarified. These concerns were discussed thoroughly, along with the issue of whether it was necessary to write Class B legislation to help clarify the policy.

Council guest Phil Ballinger noted that if they look to the future and the numbers of cross-enrolled students stays relatively small it would not be a problem, but if the numbers increased substantially, there could be an economic impact. The question was raised, what numbers would become a problem for the Seattle campus? Another issue considered by the council was how students would register under the proposed changes. Possible complications to registration were discussed including the fact that the DARS registration system would need to be updated to accommodate the change in policy. President's Designee Todd Mildon noted that registration changes could be made through MyUW, the online registration system.

Council member Holt suggested that FCAS should work together with FCTCP on the issue and invite FCTCP Chair, Janet Primomo to speak to the council. Chair Dillon will contact Primomo.

4. Subcommittee reports:

- **Admissions and Graduation-- (Susanna? Rick? Phil?)**

The Admissions and Graduation subcommittee report was delivered under the Chair's report.

- **SCAP--Jay**

SCAP Chair Jay Johnson explained that there were 11 items discussed at the last SCAP meeting. Johnson introduced the eight items approved as “routine” by SCAP:

Items one (ART-20071017A) and two (ART-20071017B) were Art department requests for changes in the requirements for the Painting and Drawing major in the Bachelor of Arts. Johnson described these as basic housekeeping changes that would provide some flexibility for students.

Item three (JAPAN-20071031) was a request by the Asian Languages and Literature department to revise the minor in Japanese. Johnson told the council that SCAP saw problems with the language of the proposed changes and approved it pending improvements to the language and rationale provided.

Items five (CHEM-20071212A) and six (CHEM-20071212B) were requests from the Chemistry department for requirement changes to the major and ACE certified major in Chemistry within the Bachelor of Science. Item seven (CHEM-20071212C) was a request for a requirement change to the Biochemistry major within the Bachelor of Science. Johnson described all the proposed changes as minor adjustments and the approval as straightforward.

Item nine (DANCE-20071022) was a request from the Dance department to revise the requirements for the major and minor within the Bachelor of Arts. Item ten (SPAN-20071109) was a request from the Spanish department for a revision to the admission requirements to the Spanish major within the Bachelor of Arts. Johnson noted that the committee had a couple of questions concerning the wording of the proposed changes and asked them to clarify their request.

Item four (KOREAN-20071031) was a non-routine approval for a request by the Asian Language and Literature department to create a new minor in Korean. SCAP had several questions they wanted answered, including data to support the claim for a demand for the minor, and a response to how the new minor will affect students in the Korean major. Another concern was the use of upper division course numbers for lower division Korean language courses.

Item eight (COM-20071031) was non-routine and SCAP made no recommendation on it. The Communication Department is requesting a revision in their admission requirements that would reduce the number of Communication majors from around 900 to 650. They would also like to limit the number of times a student could apply for the major. The legality of the request prompted SCAP to contact the Attorney General’s office for clarification on the university policy. This topic generated a lot of discussion around the reasons students repeatedly apply for majors, and what response might be taken if the AG’s office says it is not a legal issue. SCAP is currently waiting to hear back from the AG’s office.

