

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS  
FRIDAY, February 8, 2008, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair George Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of minutes
2. Chair's report: introduction of GPSS rep Dave Iseminger, Guests Janet Primomo (Chair, FCTCP), and Cinnamon Hillyard (Chair, Academic Policy, UW-B)
3. Old Business: Discussion of Tri-campus Cross-Campus Registration Proposals
4. Subcommittee reports:
  - SCAP
  - Admissions and Graduation
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

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**1. Approval of minutes**

The council approved the minutes as submitted.

**2. Chair's report:**

Chair George Dillon noted that the new GPSS member Dave Iseminger was not able to come today. He also introduced Janet Primomo (Chair, FCTCP) and Cinnamon Hillyard (Chair, Academic Policy, UW-B). Council members Almgren, Antony, and Stroup have also recently been approved by the Faculty Senate to serve on FCAS.

**3. Old Business: discussion of tri-campus cross campus registration proposals**

Dillon reported that FCAS had discussed the Tri-Campus issue and needed clarification on it. He added that FCAS had never approved nor even seen the current policy. Dillon invited Primomo to talk about the tri-campus cross campus registration issue.

Janet Primomo explained that the issue was left over from last year and there was a lot of confusion over who had approved it. She added that the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy does not set policy, but rather coordinates academic and non-academic policy among the three UW campuses. Primomo said that the differences in the cross-enrollment policy on the web postings for undergraduate and graduate students were what prompted the council to take a look at the policy. A handout was distributed to the council of a table outlining the current policy on cross-enrollment along with some recommendations for change. Primomo noted that cross-enrollment was not really an issue until the UW-T and UW-B campuses admitted freshman. There was discussion of the handout and the numbers on it for minimum credits allowed for home campus each quarter and the maximum number of credits allowed from another campus toward the degree. Several questions were raised in the discussion. They included:

- Where do we go from here?
- Can MyUW be set up to handle the registration?

- How do extension credits fit in?

The council discussed whether changes were needed to the university handbook to formalize the requirements. Chair Dillon noted that if they wanted to create Class B legislation, the deadline for submitting it to the Senate Executive Committee was fast approaching. Council member Jay Johnson asked for clarification of the procedural mechanisms at work. He asked what the policy should be and how they would go about formally putting it in the handbook. It was agreed that FCAS and FCTCP could jointly draft legislation for inclusion in the handbook. Council member John Schaufelberger made a motion to work out a policy recommended jointly with FCTCP and FCAS for presentation to the Senate Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Johnson.

Discussion continued on the issue of why 45 credits were selected as the upper limit for allowable cross-enrolled credits used toward the degree. Several members shared their thoughts on the issue as it relates to students. It was noted that the 45 credit limit is a very restrictive number compared to the current policy. A financial issue concerning how allocated funds follow students was also raised. Guest Phil Ballinger offered that they could look at other situations at U.S. universities in which students are allowed to cross-enroll. He pointed to Pomona College as one school that operates with only a few minor limitations on cross-enrollment.

The question was raised, what would an alternative to 45 credits be? Council members discussed how students would accomplish a minor with a limited number of credits. It was noted that the 15 credit limit on non-resident campus credits in an academic year would be more restrictive if, for example, a student waited to decide his minor until his senior year. Council member John Schaufelberger offered that the council should try the proposed policy change for one to two years, and then change it if it doesn't seem to work. The driving principle is the balance between the integrity of the institution and the ability to offer students the opportunity to take what the three campuses allow. Guest Ballinger suggested as a possible alternate solution, the use of something like the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's Student Exchange Program, which allows students to enroll at certain universities as non-residents in programs that are under-enrolled, at reduced tuition fees. Guest Debbie Wiegand pointed out that competitive admission in some departments is based upon demand and that could potentially pose a difficulty if our minors as were seen as being open only to UW students because the demand was too great.

Guest Primomo offered that given the complexities of the issue it would be worth having a small group read through Chapter 14 in the handbook to see how best to integrate the concerns raised with the need to update it. At this point a friendly amendment to the motion was made, to say that FCAS and FCTCP would form a work group to prepare a Class B resolution to be presented to the Senate Executive Committee. A vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously. Chair Dillon said he would find two members from FCAS to serve, and Primomo offered to find representatives from both the Tacoma and Bothell campuses.

Primomo noted that the initial intent of the cross-enrollment proposal was as an occasional kind of thing, and not including summer quarter. An issue was raised about the campuses being stand alone institutions and that if there were separate policies for each campus it would eliminate the need for coordination. It was noted in response that there is a single University of Washington transcript. Council members discussed the idea of separate documents in the handbook. Dillon told Primomo that he would send the names of FCAS subcommittee members to her.

#### **4. Subcommittee Reports:**

##### **SCAP**

SCAP Chair Jay Johnson reported that 4 of 5 new items were approved as routine requests. Johnson gave a brief explanation of the routine requests:

- Astronomy (ASTR-20080110) was asking for a revision in the program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree. Specifically, they were requesting to make changes to the approved course list.
- Drama (DRAMA-20080102) was asking for a revision in the admissions and program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama. The request included an overall change in required credits for the degree from 63 to 66.
- Bioengineering (BIOEN-20080109) was asking for a revision in the program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering. The request included a shift from 5 credits of approved math, science, or engineering electives to 3 credits of approved engineering electives and 2 credits of free electives.
- General Studies (GENST-20071228) was asking for a name change of the program (major) from General Studies to Individualized Studies.

Johnson described all these requested changes as minor and said SCAP approved them accordingly. The only non-routine approval was from Biology (BIOL-20081127) for a request to create a new option in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation within the existing Bachelor of Science in Biology. There are currently several options available to students and the justification for consolidating two of them into one option was to eliminate the current confusion for students and advisers. Council members discussed the question of how long departments must keep options available for students after a change is made. A motion was made to approve the change, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Johnson briefly updated the council on a bit of old business concerning Adviser Information File and Degree Audit Reporting System requirement that students must complete 15 credits in residence at UW to satisfy minor requirements. It was noted that the requirement will be removed from the system.

##### **Admissions and Graduation**

Council member Susanna Cunningham reported that the Task Force on ESL was still grappling with the issues. She noted that they discussed the difference between what they described as literate international students and those who were not literate, or did not have a clear structure, in their first language. Cunningham reported that the committee was asking about what the university should be saying when a student graduates. They

