

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY April 18, 2008, 1:30-3:25 p.m.
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair George Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Chair's report
 - Provost's Task Force on English Language Proficiency
 - Joint ad hoc committee with FCTCP to draft Cross Campus Enrollment policy
 - Joint ad hoc committee with FCIQ on Academic Rigor
3. Subcommittee reports:
 - SCAP
4. Old Business
 - Proposed joint resolution to amend the Code (Class B)
 - Report on HEC Board
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. Approval of minutes

Chair George Dillon asked to amend the agenda to include a report on the HEC board given by Regular Guest Robert Corbett. The council unanimously approved the amended agenda and the minutes from the last meeting.

Councilmember James Antony announced that he was recently appointed Dean of the Graduate School. He was unsure at that time what role he would continue to play on the council but hoped to maintain a connection to it. He is currently working with the Secretary of the Faculty to figure out whether or not he can take on an ex-officio role but unfortunately from now on will no longer be a voting faculty member on the council.

2. Chair's report

- **Provost's Task Force on English Language Proficiency**
Chair Dillon reported only that the task force is currently working on the English Language Proficiency issue and that it is becoming larger than they originally anticipated. The task force will make a recommendation to the Provost next month.
- **Joint ad hoc committee with FCTCP to draft Cross Campus Enrollment policy**
Chair Dillon reported that this committee will present a draft of a Class B resolution later in the meeting.

- **Joint ad hoc committee with FCIQ on Academic Rigor**

This committee has been working on a questionnaire that will be sent out to the faculty regarding independent studies courses, specifically who are involved and what faculty are directing them.

3. Subcommittee reports:

SCAP Chair Jay Johnson presented the committee's recommendations on seventeen proposals, three of which were routine and fifteen of which were non-routine. Johnson reminded the committee that the new procedure for these proposals would be if SCAP recommended a proposal as routine, the council would vote without discussion. If a council member objected to any of the routine proposals it would be considered non-routine and discussed by the council with the rest of the non-routine proposals.

The following routine items were approved and forwarded to the Registrar for inclusion in the catalog.

- Engineering (ENGR-20080308) was asking to revise program requirements for the major in engineering within the Bachelor of Science. Specifically requesting that the department be allowed to require the University minimum in VLPA and I&S coursework.
- Technical Communication (TC-20080205) was asking to revise admission requirements for the major in Technical Communication within the Bachelor of Science. Specifically requesting to offer an Advanced Admission to multiple departments.

The following item, a proposal to revise admission requirements for the Major in Nursing (NURS-20080229), was considered routine by SCAP but pulled out to be discussed by the council. The proposal requested the addition of two microbiology requirements for admissions (MICROM 301 and 302) which were considered routine, however at the time of the application the Microbiology department had not been contacted about this proposed change. Johnson informed the council that the Microbiology department does not appear (from emails) to have the resources to cover this new requirement for pre-nursing students. The discussion evolved into suggestions for an additional box on the 1503 to indicate that all affected departments had been contacted and what to do about this particular proposal. The council suggested making these Microbiology classes a graduation requirement instead of an admissions requirement to lessen the demand from nursing and also indicated that they were unwilling to approve a requirement unless they knew the resources would be available for students to fulfill it. The committee unanimously decided to table this proposal with the hope that the two departments will come to a compromise.

The following item, a proposal to revise admission requirements for participating programs in the College of Engineering (ENGR-20071207) was discussed. Johnson described this proposal as one of many non-routine proposals before the council. The College of Engineering, along with 10 other departments within the College, is requesting to offer an Advanced Admission to freshmen applicants. The subsequent proposals are all course catalogue changes to reflect this proposal: AA-20080228, CHEME-

20080229A, CEE-2008-0229, CSE-20080212A&B, EE-20080220, IND-20080213, MSE-20080213, and ME-20080227. Johnson indicated this proposal has a two year trial provision and would only affect a small pool of incoming freshmen (1-2% of students) who would be offered the opportunity to declare their major in any of the 10 participating Engineering departments after the successful completion of their first year at the University. Currently the College of Engineering requires that students wait 2 years before applying for an engineering major. Some of the Engineering departments offer an early admissions option to freshmen, but any incoming freshmen denied early admissions to a specific department will not be considered for this program to prevent backdoor acceptances. The committee unanimously approved the proposal and all subsequent catalogue changes.

Councilmember Johnson then introduced three proposals that were discussed last meeting.

- The proposal by the Communication (COM-20071031) is on hold.
- The proposal from the Information School (INFO-20080311) regarding a conflict in the course catalogue has been corrected and the verbiage cleaned up. The council unanimously approved this proposal to be forwarded to tri-campus review.
- The last proposal was from the Business School (BA-20080204) which proposed 5 changes, four of which SCAP approved as routine. SCAP had issue with the fifth change that requested a new graduation requirement which would set a minimum in-major GPA of 2.8 for all business school graduates. Council members expressed concerns regarding an inconsistency between the overall university graduation minimum of a 2.0 and some departmental minimums of 2.5. The argument put forth by the Business School was an effort to demonstrate competency as a professional school but members of SCAP were confused as to what this minimum was accomplishing that couldn't be done within the admissions process. The council unanimously approved the four routine items and the fifth item was tabled until further data on departmental GPA minimums was examined to see where this proposal stood against other UW programs.

4. Old Business

- Proposed joint resolution to amend the Code (Class B)

Council member Gunner Almgren introduced the draft for the Class B resolution regarding students who wish to take advantage of classes on other UW campuses. This Class B resolution clarifies the language in the code regarding cross-campus enrolment. The intent of this resolution was to clarify the number of credits a student can take outside of their own campus and grant students the flexibility of utilizing programs on other UW campuses while protecting departments from overenrolled courses.

Students must have 25 credits as a matriculated student on their home campus prior to enrolling in a class on another UW campus and are limited to a total of 45 cross-campus credits. Council member Holt questioned where distance learning and

extension credits fit into this scenario. Council member Corbett pointed out that extension credits do not count toward the 45 required in-residence credits for the major. The spirit of the resolution is to create community on the home campus by forcing students to stay on the home campus for the first two years.

Council member Haag Day also suggested additional language regarding the section that allows a Dean or Chancellor to waive the 45 credit limit. She suggested the addition of language which specifies that waiving the 45 credit limit by the home campus does not obligate the receiving campus to enroll the student. The concern is to protect departmental resources and class availability for students within the receiving department and campus.

The council unanimously approved the resolution with two friendly amendments. The first amendment further clarifies the intent of the resolution by further defining freshman class standing as 25 credits obtained after admission. The second amendment was the addition of language to specify that receiving institutions are not obligated to enroll cross-campus students.

- Report on HEC Board
Report on HEC Board was tabled for the next meeting.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

*Minutes by Amy Underkofler
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Present: **Faculty:** Antony, Dillon (Chair), Fitzpatrick, Holt, Keil, Johnson, Almgren
Ex Officio Reps: Fugate, Iseminger, Mildon, Fugate, Haag Day
Regularly Invited Guests: Corbett, Sahr, Wiegand

Absent: **Faculty:** Cunningham (excused), Stroup (excused), Schaufelberger
Ex Officio Reps: Rocha (excused), McManaway (excused)
Regularly Invited Guests: Ballinger, Winslow