

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY, May 16, 2008, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
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Chair George Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Chair's report
 - Progress of cross-campus enrollment Class B amendment to the code
3. Subcommittee reports:
 - SCAP (Johnson)
 - Admissions and Graduation (Cunningham)
4. Old Business (Johnson)
Resolution for FCAS subcommittee on departmental grade-based graduation requirements
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Chair's Report

Dillon reported that the Class B legislation to amend the code on cross-campus enrollment was approved at the Senate Executive Committee meeting with little discussion. It will be presented for approval to the Faculty Senate next Thursday.

The Chair also reported that nominations for new council members and Chairs were confirmed at the SEC meeting. He has spoken with the Chair of the Faculty Senate to confirm that John Schaufelberger will be the new chair of FCAS.

Dillon also noted that there is one last FCAS meeting this spring quarter.

3. Subcommittee reports:

• **SCAP (Johnson)**

Council member and SCAP Chair Jay Johnson reported that SCAP reviewed three old business items and one new one. He noted that the new business item from Construction Management (CM-20080409), requesting a revision in the requirements for the major in Construction Management within the Bachelor of Science, is on hold.

Under old business the request by Communication (COM-20071031) to revise their admission requirements for the major, effectively limiting the number of times a student

could apply for admission, has been put on hold. After finally receiving a response from the Attorney General's office SCAP is holding approval for justification of the "three consecutive quarter" requirement.

Another piece of old business concerns the request by Biology (BIOL-20071127) to create a new option in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation within the existing Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Johnson reported that SCAP felt that the department had replied completely to all of the comments from tri-campus review and saw no problems. He made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.

The final piece of old business was the request from the Information School (INFO-20080311) to revise their admissions and program requirements in the Informatics major, adding two options to the major. No comments were submitted in tri-campus review and Johnson recommended its approval. A motion was made and seconded. Council members then approved the request unanimously.

- **Admissions and Graduation (Cunningham)**

Council member Susanna Cunningham reported that the Admissions and Graduation subcommittee met last Monday and discussed two items. They discussed, but did not decide upon, the university's position that does not require but allows incoming freshman to send in letters of recommendation with their applications. Cunningham explained that the subcommittee realized that it was a fairness issue. Some students don't get in while others may be helped by them. She noted that UW technology is not yet capable of tracking these letters and that there are currently other places in the admissions application for personal statements. They will come back to this issue later.

The second issue was informational only. It concerns the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board's (HECB) new minimum College Admission Standards and College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR) for freshman entering Washington State public four-year universities and colleges. Regular guest John Sahr explained that the term "minimum" here means "sufficient" and that the community colleges and four year institutions have differences of opinion on curricular issues. The new standard has been set up as a 5 year pilot program. A discussion followed about math requirements at the UW.

Chair Dillon raised an issue concerning a UW-Bothell student who missed getting on the Dean's list because he had taken a course as credit/no credit that left him a course short of earning the recognition. He is now requesting that the credit/no credit course is retroactively graded. Dillon asked which subcommittee should look into this and whether it could be settled.

4. Old Business (Johnson)

Resolution for FCAS subcommittee on departmental grade-based graduation requirements

