

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS  
Friday, November 6, 2009, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair John Schaufelberger called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Chair's Report
  2. Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2009
  3. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)
    - Consent agenda (routine actions)
    - Non-routine actions
  4. Question regarding Online Homework Systems
  5. Request for Feedback Regarding Student Systems
  6. Adjourn
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**1. Chair's Report**

Chair Schaufelberger welcomed members to the meeting. He announced that the next meeting of the Subcommittee on Admissions and Graduation will be on Wednesday, November 18. The Subcommittee on Honors will meet on November 13.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2009**

The minutes from the October 23 meeting were approved as amended.

**3. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)**

Holt introduced the routine items on the consent agenda. They were:

1. American Ethnic Studies - ([AES-20090507](#)) is requesting a change in program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in American Ethnic Studies.
2. Dance - ([DANCE-20090525](#)) is requesting a change in admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance and the program requirements for the minor in Dance.
3. Applied Mathematics - ([AMATH-20090731A](#)) is requesting a change in program requirements for the option in Statistics within the Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics.
4. Applied Mathematics - ([AMATH-20090731B](#)) is requesting a change in program requirements for the option in Social and Behavioral Sciences within the Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics.
5. Applied Mathematics - ([AMATH-20090731C](#)) is requesting a change in program requirements for the option in Discrete Math and Algorithms within the Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics.

6. Mathematics - ([MATH-20090918A-C](#)) is requesting a change in admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and the option in Philosophy within the Bachelor of Arts degree.
7. Mathematics - ([MATH-20090918D](#)) is requesting a change in admission requirements for the option in Teaching within the Bachelor of Arts degree.
8. Political Science - ([POLS-20090822](#)) is requesting changes in program requirements for the minor in Political Science.
9. Landscape Architecture - ([LARCH-20090908](#)) is requesting changes in program requirements for the Bachelor or Landscape Architecture degree.
10. Materials Science and Engineering - ([MSE-20091012](#)) is requesting changes in program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering degree.

Holt suggested that FCAS move the routine item Political Science - ([POLS-20090822](#)) off the consent agenda, for further discussion later in the meeting.

The consent agenda, minus Political Science, was unanimously approved by FCAS.

FCAS discussed Political Science's request to change program requirements for the minor in Political Science. Holt stated SCAP had voted to approve, pending the justification of 2.0 in each course requirement. FCAS members discussed whether it would be appropriate to approve this at this time.

Chair Schaufelberger suggested that FCAS hold this request until the next FCAS meeting. The motion to table this item and consider it at the next meeting was unanimously approved by FCAS.

Holt reported on three non-routine items:

1. Chemical Engineering - ([CHEME-20091016](#))
2. Computer Science and Engineering - ([CSE-20091015A](#))
3. Computer Science and Engineering - ([CSE-20091015B](#))

All three represent substantial changes. Holt provided an overview of Chemical Engineering's proposed changes. The first two changes in Chemical Engineering are clarifications of their admissions and general education catalogue language. The third and most significant change is that the department is moving from upper division admission occurring after 6 quarters of work to 5 quarters of work. This means upper division admission would happen in the spring, not during the summer. Spring Quarter admissions would start now and Summer Quarter admission would be available for one last time in 2010 before being phased out.

One aspect of this change is that a student transferring to Chemical Engineering from a community college would not receive her AA (Associate of Arts or Associate of Arts and Sciences) degree, because she would have left the community college after 5 quarters of study, not 6 quarters. FCAS discussed the ramifications of this change and whether the MRP (Major Related Programs, sometimes referred to as Major Ready Programs or Pathways) for Chemical Engineering would need to be modified.

FCAS also discussed how this change might affect students who were planning on satisfying the UW's English language proficiency requirement with an AA degree. Without an AA degree, one of the options for a student trying to satisfy the English language proficiency requirement is to take an English language proficiency screening test, called the DELNA.

Pengra asked why this change is being proposed. Holt replied that that department has found it difficult to “cram” all their material into the two years they have available. The department would like to teach courses in the sophomore year.

Holt commented that the department’s current admissions schedule, in which the student is notified of admission in August, is often hard on the students, since if they are not admitted they have very little time to apply to other schools. This earlier notification will give them more time to plan.

Holt pointed out that Spring Admissions will be an exception (most of the rest of the University will not have Spring Admissions in the future). The Admissions Office is accommodating the department, however.

The College of Engineering will do extensive outreach about Spring Admissions, to educate applicants about the new admissions timing.

The non-routine item Chemical Engineering - (CHEME-20091016) was unanimously approved by FCAS.

Holt provided an overview of the fairly extensive changes proposed by Computer Science and Engineering. These proposed changes affect both admission and program requirements for the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. He stated that SCAP approved these changes and recommended these items for approval by FCAS.

The two non-routine items, Computer Science and Engineering - (CSE-20091015A) and Computer Science and Engineering - (CSE-20091015B), were unanimously approved by FCAS.

#### **4. Question regarding Online Homework Systems**

Pengra asked if FCAS had any jurisdiction over online homework systems. Specifically, he wondered whether the Council had an interest in or view on controlling academic standards regarding the use of online homework systems. He commented that he has noticed that students approach online homework systems differently than other homework systems. There is a lot more sharing of information and answers, for example.

Chair Schaufelberger referred Pengra to the Chairs of either FCIQ or FCET.

#### **5. Request for Feedback Regarding Student Systems**

Says announced that the Office of Information Management is prioritizing their agenda items regarding student systems for the upcoming year. They would like to hear from FCAS regarding any upcoming requests to change student systems. Chair Schaufelberger suggested that Says follow up with Haag Day or Debbie Wiegand on this question.

## 6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

*Minutes by Kristy Carter, Council Support Staff, kcarter4@u.washington.edu*

**Present:**   **Faculty:**    Holman, Kramer, Holt, Keil, Taggart, Pengra, Schaufelberger (Chair)  
              **President's Designee:**  Mildon  
              **Ex Officio Reps:**     Fugate, Padvorac, Blume, Jespersen  
              **Regularly Invited Guests:**  Corbett, Sahr, Sayrs

**Absent:**   **Faculty:**     Almgren, Stroup, Cunningham  
              **Regularly Invited Guests:**  Ballinger  
              **Ex Officio Reps:**     Allen, Haag Day