

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009, 1:30-3:00 P.M.
224 MARY GATES HALL

Chair John Schaufelberger called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Chair's Report
 2. Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2009
 3. Proposed UW Handbook Changes
 4. MRP Discussion (John Sahr)
 5. Adjourn
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1. Chair's Report

Chair Schaufelberger announced that he, Phil Ballinger, and Todd Mildon attended an English Language Proficiency working group meeting. They received an update on the Autumn 2009 Undergraduate Cohort ELPR Status as of October 15, 2009. After the working group meets again in January, Chair Schaufelberger will bring the group's preliminary report to an early February FCAS meeting for review. He provided a detailed explanation of how the incoming transfer students and freshmen satisfy the University's English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR).

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2009

The minutes from the November 20 meeting were approved.

3. Proposed UW Handbook Changes

Chair Schaufelberger began the discussion on the proposed changes to the UW Handbook. Referring to the handout "Volume Four, University of Washington Handbook," he provided an overview of the current and proposed revised text from Part III, Scholastic Regulations, Chapter 2., Registration. This text concerns who is allowed to participate in a class. FCAS engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of the meaning of this text, the purpose of this regulation, how to revise the text, and when the inclusion of a guest not registered for the class is appropriate. FCAS considered the many types or categories of guests, such as guests of the instructor, industry experts giving a one-time presentation, unregistered students, friends of students, notetakers for disabled students, etc.

Haag-Day and Mildon provided their perspectives on this issue. For various reasons, it is often undesirable to allow unregistered students to sit in on a class. FCAS discussed when it might be appropriate to allow a student to observe a class.

Chair Schaufelberger collected the Council's feedback and announced that he will revise the text.

Chair Schaufelberger provided an overview of the proposed revised text from Chapter 14, Section 2., Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree and Section 3., Two Bachelor's Degrees at the Same Time.

This text regulates bachelor's degrees with double majors and two bachelor's degrees with different majors.

FCAS discussed which college would confer the degree, if the proposed revisions were approved. Chair Schaufelberger commented that this issue does not fall within FCAS's purview.

FCAS engaged in an extensive discussion of the details of the text and the possible impact of the proposed revisions.

Chair Schaufelberger emphasized that the goal of these revisions is to support the students who are attempting to earn one major in one college and another major in a different college.

Haag-Day suggested that her advising group be given the opportunity to review the text and provide their input. Chair Schaufelberger agreed to email her the updated document.

Chair Schaufelberger thanked FCAS for the discussion and their suggestions. He will bring the revised text back to the next FCAS meeting.

4. MRP Discussion (John Sahr)

Sahr provided an overview of his work with the Joint Access Oversight Group (JAOG). He explained the 1994 Proportionality Agreement and provided insight into the development of the Transfer Bill of Rights. He listed all the MRPs (Major Related Programs, sometimes referred to as Major Ready Programs or Pathways) currently in existence: Biology, Business, Math Education, Nursing, Elementary Education, Technology, Construction Management, Earth and Space Science Education, Chemistry, Bioengineering and Chemical Engineering, Computer and Electrical Engineering, Mechanical/Civil/Aeronautical/Materials Science and Engineering, Chemistry Education, Biology Education, Physics Education, and General Science Education. He ended his presentation by emphasizing this point: departments must be aware that if they change their admissions requirements, they must accept community college transfer students under the old criteria for the next two years.

FCAS discussed whether or not MRPs are used by transfer students to gain admission to the department.

Chair Schaufelberger thanked Sahr for his presentation.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

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

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

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