

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009, 1:30-3:00 P.M.
224 MARY GATES HALL

Chair John Schaufelberger called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of the Minutes of December 4, 2009
 2. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)
 - Consent agenda (routine actions)
 - Non-routine actions
 3. Proposed UW Handbook Changes
 4. Adjourn
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1. Approval of the Minutes of December 4, 2009

The minutes from the December 4 meeting were approved. Ballinger commented that his office offers prospective students the opportunity to observe classes. FCAS assured him that this will be covered by the revised University Handbook text, which will refer to “guests approved by the instructor.”

2. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)

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

Old Routine Business:

1. **English** - ([ENGL-20091204](#)) is requesting to change admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in English.
2. **Political Science** - ([POLS-20090822](#)) is requesting to change program requirements for the minor in Political Science.

New Routine Business:

1. **School of Art** - ([ART-20091027A](#)) Change name of program from Photography to Photomedia; add a continuation policy, and revise admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photomedia.
2. **School of Art** - ([ART-20091027B](#)) is requesting to revise program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Visual Art.

3. **School of Art** - ([ART-20091111A](#)) is requesting to revise program requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Visual Communication Design.
4. **School of Art** - ([ART-20091111B](#)) is requesting to revise program requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Industrial Design.
5. **School of Art** - ([ART-20091111C](#)) is requesting to revise program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Design Studies.
6. **School of Art** - ([ARTH-20091027](#)) is requesting to revise program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History.
7. **Program on the Environment** - ([ENVIR-20091118](#)) is requesting new program requirements for the minor and Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies.
8. **Labor Studies** - ([LABOR-20091019](#)) is requesting to revise program requirements for the minor in Labor Studies.
9. **Health Services** - ([HIHIM-20091022](#)) is requesting to revise admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Health Informatics and Health Information Management.

The consent agenda, minus School of Art - ([ART-20091027A](#)), was unanimously approved by FCAS.

Holt introduced the non-routine items. They were:

1. **School of Art** - ([ART-20090717](#)) is requesting a new minor in Interaction Design.
2. **College of the Environment** - ([COENV-20091130B](#)) is requesting to create new pre-major code for students in the College of the Environment.
3. **Forest Resources** - ([ESRM-20091001](#)) is requesting to change name of program from a Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources degree to a Bachelor of Science degree.
4. **Honors** - ([HONORS-20091113](#)) is requesting to revise program requirements for the University Honors Program and establish an Interdisciplinary Honors designation.
5. **Other Business:** New policy to prohibit departments from requiring graduate level courses for undergraduate program requirements.

The non-routine items: School of Art - ([ART-20090717](#)), College of the Environment - ([COENV-20091130B](#)), Forest Resources - ([ESRM-20091001](#)), and Honors - ([HONORS-20091113](#)) were unanimously approved by FCAS.

FCAS discussed the Honors Program and how it has changed since its inception.

FCAS engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of routine item ([ART-20091027A](#)). Holt and Chair Schaufelberger provided insight into the School of Art's current admissions process for the Photomedia degree and the School's justification for the proposed changes. FCAS discussed the impact this change would have and whether or not it would set a precedent. Council members expressed concerns regarding the two stage selection process and the impact this would have on students. Council members discussed the evaluation process in the field of Art. It was pointed out that DXARTS currently uses an admissions process very similar to the process proposed by the School of Art.

Holt suggested that if this item is approved, other units, such as Engineering for example, might be interested an extended or two stage admissions process. Ballinger provided his perspective, commenting that the current trend in Admissions is to shorten, not extend the admissions process. He also expressed two concerns, one, that a two stage admissions process is not student-friendly, and two, that this kind of admissions process (if extended to many other departments across the University), would make the UW less competitive in attracting the most talented students.

Keil suggested that FCAS should produce a policy statement saying that there should be a single, early admission point into a major.

Blume provided the perspective of a staff member. He predicted that moving to a more extended admissions process would create much more anxiety among students and thus increase the workload for staff.

FCAS discussed how these proposed Photomedia admissions requirements differ from other departments' prerequisites.

Says suggested that a good policy for FCAS to promote might be "all prerequisites should be open to all students."

Keil suggested that this routine item from the School of Art be tabled until the Council can receive further information from the School of Art. FCAS agreed. Chair Schaufelberger agreed to invite School of Art representatives to a future FCAS meeting so that they may provide input and answer questions.

Regarding the "Other Business" discussed at the December 11th SCAP meeting, Chair Schaufelberger stated that the intent of this policy is to prohibit departments from requiring graduate level courses for undergraduate program requirements.

3. Proposed UW Handbook Changes

Cunningham introduced the topic. She thanked Edwards and Leggio for their hard work. She announced that there are a number of proposed revisions that will affect a number of the University Handbook's chapters. She referred to the two handouts distributed earlier, "Part III: Scholastic Regulations, Chapter 1, Admission" and "Chapter 2, Registration." She provided color versions of the handouts.

Beginning with “Part III: Scholastic Regulations, Chapter 1, Admission,” Chair Schaufelberger asked FCAS for suggestions, modifications, and feedback on the proposed changes. Council members engaged in a series of detailed discussions of the text and the proposed revisions. Chair Schaufelberger took notes on the Council members’ specific suggestions.

The proposed revisions to the University Handbook were unanimously approved by FCAS. Blume voted “present.” The proposed revisions to the UW Handbook will now be taken to the Senate Executive Committee and Faculty Senate for approval.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

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

Present: **Faculty:** Kramer, Holt, Schaufelberger (Chair), Keil, Taggart, Pengra, Cunningham
President’s Designee: Mildon
Ex Officio Reps: Fugate, Haag-Day, Blume
Regularly Invited Guests: Corbett, Sahr, Sayrs, Ballinger, Winslow
Guests: Virjean Edwards, Emily Leggio

Absent: **Faculty:** Almgren, Stroup, Holman
Regularly Invited Guests: Wiegand
Ex Officio Reps: Allen, Padvorac, Jespersen