

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2010
142 GERBERDING HALL

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Chair's Report
2. Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2010
3. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)
 - Consent agenda (routine)
 - Non-routine actions
4. Undergraduate Cross Campus Enrollment
5. FCAS Topics for Academic Year 2010-2011
6. Adjourn

Call to Order

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

Approval of the minutes from the May 14, 2010 meeting

The minutes of the May 14, 2010 meeting were approved with changes.

Reports & Business Items

1. Chair's Report (John Schaufelberger)

Chair Schaufelberger announced that FCAS would now be meeting in Gerberding 142 and has the room reserved for all meetings next academic year except on one date. Schaufelberger also shared that all of the current membership would be continuing on except Vikki Haag Day and Jason Padvorac. Schaufelberger thanked both for their exemplary service. The Council wished Padvorac good luck upon his pending graduation from the University. Padvorac introduced the incoming ASUW Director of Faculty, Administrative and Academic Affairs, Jed Bradley. Chair Schaufelberger also shared that he hoped that today's meeting would be the last of the academic year, but that would depend on what happens at SCAP.

2. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)

A. SCAP Chair Holt introduced the Consent Agenda.
Routine Business

- 1. Business Administration- ([BA-20100222](#))** Revised admission, program, and continuation policy requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree.

Background: The Business program wants to add ENGL 297, 298, and 299 to the list of approved English courses for admissions, update the number of credits for the Accounting option to 186, and implement a formal continuation policy.

Justification: The requested changes are updates to the catalog copy to reflect new English courses that count towards the admissions requirements, minor edits to the names, updating the number of credits of the Accounting option to reflect the recently changed course credits, and formally approve the continuation policy currently in place.

SCAP Action Taken: 05/21/2010 – Pending Continuation Policy still says 180 instead of 180-186, Remove first solid bullet and second open bullet. Ask for justification as to why modifications can't be made to keep the option at 180.

- 2. Aquatic and Fishery Sciences-** ([FISH-20010428](#)) Revised program requirements for the minor and Bachelor of Science degree in Aquatic and Fishery Sciences.

Background: The Aquatic and Fishery Science program recently joined the College of the Environment and is making changes to their major to work within the CoENVIR general education requirements. FISH 210 is no longer going to be required for the majors and minors.

Justification: The requested changes are necessary to ensure that students can satisfy the CoENVIR general education requirements and the major requirements on time. FISH 210 is not going to be offered and thus needs to be replaced in the major and minor requirements.

SCAP Action Taken: 05/21/2010 – Approved as routine and forwarded to FCAS.

- 3. Earth and Space Sciences-** ([ESS-20100506](#)) Revised program requirements for the options within the Bachelor of Science degree in Earth and Space Science.

Background: The Earth and Space Science program is adding 16 credits to their options within the BS degree in the following areas: 1) 5 credits of supporting science (Physics option excluded), 2) 5 credits of ESS core breath, and 3) 6 credits of communication in the discipline.

Justification: The Earth and Space Science program recently joined the College of the Environment and is making changes to their major they have always wanted to, but have not had the space under the 90 credit limit in the College of Arts and Sciences. The proposed changes provide better preparation for the Washington State professional geologist license and better align desired learning outcomes with program requirements.

SCAP Action Taken: 05/21/2010 – Approved as routine. Forwarded to FCAS.

- 4. Program on the Environment-** ([ENVIR-2010504](#)) Revised program requirements for the minor and Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies.

Background: The Program on the Environment recently joined the College of the Environment and is making changes to their major to work within the CoENVIR general education requirements and to update courses that are new to the program, no longer offered, and adding alternatives to existing requirements. They would also like to remove the GPA exception for courses in biology, chemistry, and statistics and require the current minimum grade of 2.0 to apply to all courses applied to the major. For the minor they are going to require one course from the Values and Cultures list and decrease the total number of Perspectives and Experiences courses required for the minor.

Justification: The requested changes are necessary to increase the rigor of the program and better prepare students for their capstone experience, ensure that students can satisfy the CoENVIR general education requirements and the major requirements on time, and that the current requirements reflect the current offerings available to the students. The 2.0 grade requirement is to be consistent with other CoENVIR programs.

SCAP Action Taken: 05/21/2010 – Approved as routine. Forwarded to FCAS.

Approved

B. Holt introduced non-routine business

Old non-routine

1. **Dance** - ([DANCE-20091228](#)) New options in Dance Studies and Creative Studies within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance.

Background: The Dance Studies option will focus on academic/methodologic course work in the dance major rather than technique courses, while the Creative Studies option will follow the current Dance program requirements.

Justification: The Dance Studies option is a great alternative for students who either have professional training outside of Ballet and Modern Dance, returning students who do not have the capacity to complete the techniques courses, and professional dancers wanting to switch to more academic/theory oriented studies.

SCAP Action Taken: 05/21/2010 - Post Tri-Campus Review - Approved and forwarded to FCAS.

Approved

New non-routine

2. **School of Forest Resources-** ([BSE-20100210](#)) Change name of program from Paper Science and Engineering to Bioresource Science and Engineering, and revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Bioresource Science and Engineering.

Background: The program is adding MATH 308 to be consistent with the CoENGR requirements (for double degree seeking students), expand natural products chemistry to 5 credits, add biomass coursework, and eliminate older paper specific coursework.

Justification: The program is restructuring the undergraduate program to follow a restructuring of the graduate program three years ago. The field is moving towards the conversion of biomass to fuels and chemicals, not just to paper products. Students will still be able and encouraged to complete the 5-year CHEM E double degree.

SCAP Action Taken: 05/21/2010 - Pending - School to make modifications to admissions information to remove specific deadlines, see department website for CHEM E double major admission requirements, move CHEM E 325 from admission to program requirements.

Approved

- C. Holt shared some issues that may be coming to SCAP and FCAS in the future. One is a proposal at the HEC Board to change the minimum admission requirement, and the second is how fee-based and alternative site programs get approved. The final item is regarding the number of credits a major actually requires compared to what is officially stated. This mainly deals with

prerequisites not being counted as part of the credit total. Corbett then shared some background information on the possible change to the HEC Board minimum admission requirement. Part of the possible change is an attempt to align High School graduation requirements and college entrance requirements. Ballinger also shared some background on the issue and amongst many points, pointed out that UW is the only public institution in Washington to require transfer students to meet the same requirements as Freshman applicants from High School.

3. Undergraduate Cross Campus Enrollment

Schaufelberger explained that Janet Primomo, from UWT and the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy (FCTCP), had drafted a memo on the information gather from the Cross Campus Enrollment survey, and that she had presented it to FCTCP earlier today. Schaufelberger feels that part of the take-away from the survey is that it is not currently a problem, but it could become one in the future. Schaufelberger also feels that it more of an issue for Bothell and Tacoma as a matter of scale. One issue identified was the desire to have registration priority. Schaufelberger will discuss the issue further with Primomo.

4. FCAS Topics for Academic Year 2010-2011

The Council discussed possible issues for FCAS to address in the 2010-2011 academic year. Keil brought up the issue of grade inflation. The Council discussed how and what could be looked at to evaluate it. Holt inquired about a previous report on rigor. Schaufelberger shared some background on the report that was put together by Don Janssen, who will actually be joining FCAS next year. Holt also brought up Activity Based Budgeting (ABB) and uniform credit. The Council discussed what data could be evaluated and accurate of picture that would paint. The Council also discussed how there has been a dissection of the governance of courses compared to curriculum. Bradley explained to the Council that one of the issues on his agenda to address next year is the use of the first ten minutes of class time, particularly in large lecture classes. In these large classes, there are often outside presenters that present on subjects that are not relevant to the course. Bradley wanted to make it clear that he has no problem with presentation that are relevant or relating to the University. Many of the Council members encouraged him to pursue this.

Adjournment

Chair Schaufelberger adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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Present: Faculty: Schaufelberger (Chair), Cunningham, Holt, Keil, Kramer, Stroup, Taggart
President's Designee: Mildon
Ex-Officio Reps: Padvorac, Jespersen
Regularly Invited Guests: Ballinger, Corbett, Sahr, Sayrs
Guest: Jed Bradley

Absent: Faculty: Almgren, Holman, Pengra
Ex Officio Rep: Fugate, Haag Day, Blume/Allen
Regularly Invited Guests: Winslow, Wiegand