

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS  
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010  
142 GERBERDING HALL

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Chair's Report
2. Approval of the Minutes of May 28, 2010
3. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)
  - Consent agenda (routine)
  - Non-routine actions
4. Adjourn

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**Approval of the minutes from the May 28, 2010 meeting**

The minutes of the May 28, 2010 meeting were approved with changes.

**Reports & Business Items**

**1. Chair's Report (John Schaufelberger)**

The Council discussed the Early Scholars Program. Schaufelberger also announced that Alex Bolton would no longer be serving as the Faculty Council Support analyst as he will be the new Assistant to the Secretary of the Faculty.

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

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

- 1. Economics- ([ECON-20100406](#))** Revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Economics.

Background: The department is requesting to update the list of Economics Theory and Methods courses.

Justification: The list is out of date and need to provide more flexibility for changes.

SCAP Action Taken: 06/04//2010 – Approve and forward to FCAS.

- 2. International Studies - ([INTL-20100420](#))** Revised program requirements for the minor in International Studies.

Background: The department is requesting to open up the minor to 100 level courses, require that at least 10 of 15 SIS elective credits come from upper division courses, and remove the SIS 401 recommendation.

Justification: The changes allow for a 100 level course to count yet also make sure students take an appropriate amount of upper division credit, and SIS 401 routinely fills with majors so it should not be recommended for the minor.

Action Taken: 06/04//2010 – Approve and forward to FCAS.

Approved

**B.** Holt introduced non-routine business

Old non-routine

1. **Anthropology** - ([ANTH-20100422](#)) Create a new options in Medical Anthropology and Global Health, and Anthropology of Globalization; and establish new admissions requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology.

Background: 1) The department wants to convert two concentrations into options and establish minimum admission requirements for the major and competitive admission requirements for the options.

Justification: 1) The options are very popular concentrations and this change would give the department the ability to restrict course registrations by major code, and transcript the options for the students.

SCAP Action Taken: 4/23/2010 – Approve non-routine pending minor admissions language revision, forward to FCAS.

SCAP Action Taken: 6/4/2010- Post Tri campus Review - Approved and forward to FCAS. Note: ANTH is voluntarily reducing their 3.0 grade requirement to a 2.5.

Approved

2. **Statistics** - ([STAT-20100107](#)) Change admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics and change program requirements for the minor in Statistics.

Background: The department would like to require its new STAT 340 course and thus modify the statistics series requirements, clean up the overall look of the requirements, make minor adjustments to the Math and Computing requirements, and drop the admissions GPA from 2.8 to 2.5. They would also like to modify the minor to include the new STAT 340 course, and take out MATH 124/125, only counting MATH 126 to bring the minor back down to 30 credits.

Justification: The requested changes will allow students to complete the major in four years easier and bring the minor into a more reasonable required credit level, the department cannot remember when the 2.8 admissions GPA was put in place but it not needed.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/15/2009 – Approve routine and forward to FCAS pending inclusion of a continuation policy. Jennifer will send them the CP template - Included.

SCAP Action Taken: 3/12/2010: FCAS returned to SCAP for insufficient Continuation Policy review. The overall cumulative GPA needs to be a 2.5 so students do not go on and off probation but still not able to graduate.

SCAP Action Taken: 4/9/2010 - Chair out of town until May - hold for answer to Jennifer's revisions.

SCAP Action Taken: 6/4/2010 - Statistics has agreed to the provided Continuation Policy. Approve and forward to FCAS.

**Approved**

3. **Oceanography-** ([OCEAN-20100501](#)) Revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography.

Background: The Oceanography program 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 establish a minimum grade of 2.0 in each OCEAN course applied to the major.

Justification: The requested changes are necessary to 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 - Jennifer has already asked the department to submit a continuation policy for the 2.0 grade or switch to a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Make a note to students that the final 10 credits of NW must come from outside the major.

SCAP Action Taken: 6/4/2010 - Jennifer has worked on revising the catalog copy and the CP is attached. Approve and forward to FCAS.

**Approved**

4. **School of Forest Resources-** ([SRF-20010415](#)) New Tri-Campus minor in Ecological Restoration.

Background: The School of Forest Resources, UWT, and UWB have offered a Tri-Campus certificate program in Ecological Restoration and would like to convert it to a formal transcripted minor.

Justification: Moving from a certificate to a minor will allow students to have the program of study listed on their transcripts. It will be available to students on all three campuses and students will be allowed to take the courses at all three campuses.

SCAP Action Taken: 05/21/2010 - Jennifer to contact Bothell and Tacoma to help them draft 1503's to create options for students in the BES and TESC majors; apply the standard interdisciplinary language to the minor. Forward to FCAS.

SCAP Action Taken: 6/4/2010 - Jennifer has contacted Bothell and Tacoma and they know they need to create options within their Environmental Studies programs and that the minor will be for non-majors only. Approve and forward to FCAS.

**Approved**

5. **Chemical Engineering - ([CHEME-20100401](#))** Create a new option in Nanoscience and Molecular Engineering and revise the admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering degree.

Background: 1) The department received a grant to develop an interdisciplinary minor in Nanoscience and Molecular Engineering. While the minor is under development in the College of Engineering the department concluded that an option in NME would be a good alternative for many students and they would like it to be a competitive option. 2) CHEM E 260 was replaced by CHEM E 325.

Justification: 1) The option would provide students with a structured NME curriculum, while only requiring 3 credits more than the standard program of study vs the minor which will require them to take an addition 15 credits of engineering electives that some students may not be able or want to take. 2) CHEM E 325 is a better curricular fit for the program

SCAP Action Taken: 4/23/2010 – Approve non-routine, forward to FCAS.

SCAP Action Taken: 6/4/2010 - Post Tri Campus review - Approve and forward to FCAS.

**Approved**

New non-routine (Discussion)

1. **Bioengineering - ([BIOEN-20100216](#))** Change admission, program, and continuation policy requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering degree. (Note this is a total curricular overhaul)

Background: The department recently reviewed their undergraduate program and is proposing changes to their admissions, program, and continuation policy requirement.

Justification: The requested changes will better align the program with the research and education expertise of the faculty, eliminate gaps and redundancies in the curriculum, allow students to focus their studies, and better serve industry bound students.

SCAP Action Taken: 06/04//2010 – Jennifer to follow up with the department on the following questions. Forward to FCAS for discussion.

- 1) Please provide the anticipated 4 year plan for native and transfer students under the proposed curriculum.
- 2) How many transfer students are in your program?
- 3) Will your new curriculum require transfer students to transfer before they finish their AA in order to graduate in 4 years?
- 4) How often is BIOEN 215 and AMATH 301 offered each year at the UW?
- 5) Can transfer students apply for both Spring and Autumn admissions and still graduate on time?
- 6) Have you communicated or discussed your proposed changes with the community colleges where the majority of your transfer students come from?
- 7) Are you aware the students already admitted to your program have 10 years to finish the major under the old requirements? What is your teach out plan for these students?

The Council discussed the impact the change would have on transfer students as they would have to apply earlier.

**Approved**

2. **School of Art - ([ART-20100607](#))** Consolidation of the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Industrial Design and Visual Communication Design into a standard Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Design with options in Industrial Design, Visual Communication Design, and Interaction Design.

Background: The admissions process and first half of the curriculum for all of the design fields are identical so the School would like to move to a singular major with specified options.

Justification: The change would clean up the design major and allow the School to quickly add new focus areas as the design field evolves.

SCAP Action Taken: 04/09/2010 – Just started working with Robert on HECB PNOI. Jennifer to contact to inquire about grade and admission requirements.

SCAP Action Taken: 6/4/2010 - Admission and grading to be the same as the other Design majors. - Jennifer worked with the School to come up with this consolidation instead of creating a new major in Interaction Design. Forward to FCAS.

The Council discussed the elimination of the BA in Design Studies and the effect on current students.

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