

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011
142 GERBERDING HALL
1:30-3:00 PM

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of the minutes of February 4, 2011
 2. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)
 - A. Consent agenda (routine actions)
 - B. Non-routine actions
 3. Adjournment
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Reports & Business Items

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 4, 2011 meeting were approved with one amendment.

3. SCAP Report (Brad Holt)

A. Consent agenda (routine actions)

1. **School of Art - (ART-20101228A)** Revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Art degree in Visual Communication Design

Background: The School is revising the program requirements to allow students to take any 10 credits of Art History.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/11/2011 - Approve routine and forward to FCAS.

Approved

2. **School of Art - (ART-20101228B)** Revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Industrial Design

Background: The School is revising the program requirements to allow students to take any 10 credits of Art History.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/11/2011 - Approve routine and forward to FCAS.

Approved

3. **Biology - (BIOL-20101118)** Revised program requirements for the minor in Paleobiology

Background: The department is revising the requirements to a set of approved lists of electives to allow flexibility in adding new courses as they are developed to the lists for the minor and would like to add a 3 credit field or research experience. Minimum of 30 credits still apply, but may be exceeded depending on student's choice of approved electives.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/11/2011 - Approve routine and forward to FCAS.

Approved

4. **Law, Societies, and Justice** - (LSJ-20101217) Revised program requirements for the minor in Law, Societies, and Justice.

Background: LSJ is removing the research method requirement and instead will require students to complete two courses from both of the Comparative Legal Institutions and Rights lists, which depending on student's choice of courses would make the minor achievable in 28-30 credits, rather than requiring a minimum of 30 credits.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/11/2011 - Approve routine and forward to FCAS.

Approved

5. **Mathematics** - (MATH-20101222) Revised program requirements for the minor in Mathematics.

Background: The department is reducing the number of credits for the minor from 33 to 30 by reducing the number of electives from 8-12 to 6, but then requiring students complete MATH 309. The department feels this would open the major and relieve the current bottleneck.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/11/2011 - Approve routine and forward to FCAS.

Approved

6. **Bioengineering** - (BIOEN-20101209) Revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering degree.

Background: The department accidentally omitted CHEM 223/237 in its last 1503 revision and as they are prerequisites for required sophomore level BIOEN courses they need to be listed as admission requirements.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/11/2011 - Approve routine and forward to FCAS.

Approved

B. Non-routine actions

1. **College of the Environment** - (COENV-20100714) New minor in Climate Science.

Background: The College is proposing a new interdisciplinary minor in Climate Science. This minor would offer students a clear path to study climate science from courses in the School of Oceanography, the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, and the Department of Atmospheric Sciences. They College is also requesting an exception to the rule requiring students to have earned a minimum of 90 credits before declaring a minor as students will be encouraged to enroll in the courses required for the minor within their first two years at the University.

SCAP Action Taken: 10/15/2010 – Virjean to research the 90 credit to declare a minor requirement. Jennifer to ask the College if 1) the math and physics requirement can be removed, 2) make the policy course a requirements; 3) add a minimum number of upper division courses; 4) the goal of the capstone course - can undergraduate students really be expected to understand graduate level papers; 5) can the capstone be taken at any time.

As of 10/21 the faculty responsible for the minor were looking at dropping the MATH 126 and PHYS 123 requirement and put in a note that it is recommended that students take the MATH 124-125-126/PHYS 121-122-123 series (students will have to complete ATM S 358 in order to complete the minor if they have not taken those two series), reduce the number of credits in the minor to 25 by replacing the MATH and PHYS with a Policy requirement (or additional Science electives from the list). They are also reworking the Integrative Experience course to be move active rather than passive for the students (course has not been approved yet - likely to include a group project or policy paper requirement). They are willing to come to the November 12th SCAP meeting from 1:30-2:00 to discuss further changes.

As of 11/10/2010, the College has made changes to the originally revised requirements for the minor that were approved at the October FCAS meeting.

SCAP Action Taken: 02/11/2011 - Post Tri-Campus Review. Send FYI to College on the OCEAN/FISH 452/453 comment. Approve non-routine and forward to FCAS for final approval.

Approved

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Cunningham, Holman, Holt, Janssen, Kramer, Pengra, Stroup, Taggart
 Ex-Officio Reps: Bradley, Canter, Fugate, Williams
 President's Designee: Ballinger
 Guests: Corbett, Sahr, Wiegand

Absent: **Faculty:** Almgren, Keil, Schaufelberger
 Ex-Officio: Fugate, Wensel