

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on Academic Standards  
February 10, 2012  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Gerberding Hall 142

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1) Call to Order
  - 2) Approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2012.
  - 3) SCAP Report (Brad Holt)  
- Consent agenda (routine actions)
  - 4) Subcommittee on Admissions and Graduation Report (Susanna Cunningham)
  - 5) Adjourn
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**1) Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Brad Holt.

**2) Approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2012**

Minutes from the January 27, 2012 meeting was approved as written.

**3) SCAP Report (Brad Holt)**

Brad Holt introduced the Consent agenda (routine actions), consisting of two items.

1. **Anthropology** - ([ANTH-20110112](#)) Revised program requirements for the option in Medical Anthropology and Global Health within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology.

Justification: The department has created an additional introductory class that they would like to add to the MAGH option requirements to ease the bottleneck for completing the option.

**SCAP Action Taken: 02/03/2012 – Approve and forward to FCAS.**

2. **Program on the Environment** - ([ENVIR-20110104](#)) Revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies.

Justification: The department has created a new introductory biology/natural history class that they would like to add to the list of specified biology/natural history courses to provide more flexibility for students.

**SCAP Action Taken: 02/03/2012 – Approve and forward to FCAS.**

**Consent Agenda was Approved**

**4) Admissions and Graduation Subcommittee Report**

Susanna Cunningham, chair of the Admissions and Graduation Subcommittee, reported on their discussion and decision about regarding the UW Fine Arts admission requirement. (Only the UW and Western require students to have fine arts as minimum requirement for admission.) Cunningham said that the Admissions office had brought it up as problem, as they have difficulty tracking whether a

course which high school specifies as fine arts meets the definition set by the UW. There was some discussion about whether the UW should do away with the requirement, as the university and Western Washington University are the only public baccalaureates that do in the state. The committee did not want to pursue this option. Rather, it was decided that the UW would rely more on a sending high school's determination that a course meets the requirement.

Janssen said that the decision is not entirely the high schools' and that the public school system does have guidelines for what qualifies as fine arts. Keil noted that there are some grey areas, such as when a school calls welding class fine arts, but one that stood out as inappropriate was a course in project team management. Cunningham said that the decision of the committee was a compromise and reflects the fact that university does not have the staff to review each and every course.

Cunningham said the next meeting of the committee would meet with ASUW about their proposal that the university adopt a diversity requirement.

#### **5) New Business**

Wiegand said she was following up on the satisfactory progress policy previously approved by FCAS and had created an implementation committee. She noted that questions may come up that will be referred FCAS in the discussions of the implementation committee. Holt noted that there was some initial confusion upon the part of advisors, while Wensel said the issue had been discussed among advisors, but no general announcement had been made. Holt said that it was important to make it clear that the first part concerning 4 years or 12 quarters being allotted for a degree would go into effect for current students, while the part on credit limits would go in effect.

There was discussion about the possible effects on the policy on students admitted as post-baccalaureates, and students who find their major late. Holt noted that students apply as post-baccalaureates to specific majors, and are admitted to the university only on admission to a department. For others running up against current credit limits, holds on registration are administered centrally. Wiegand said that the committee would look for statistics on post-baccalaureates. Holt raised the question of students being denied certain majors in their junior and having to seek another major. Wiegand said that issue would have to be discussed.

#### **6) Adjourn**

At 1:45 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

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*Minutes by Robert Corbett*

**Present:**           **Faculty:** Cunningham, Holt, Janssen, Keil, Kramer, Pengra, and Taggart  
                          **Ex-Officio Reps:** Smith, Williams  
                          **Guests:** Wiegand, Sahr, Corbett, and Wensel

**Absent:**           **Faculty:** Schaufelberger (Chair), Stroup, Almgren, Holman,