

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
FACULTY COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS  
May 11, 2007, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair George Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Synopsis:**

1. Chair's Report.
  2. Approval of the minutes.
  3. Subcommittee Business:
    - SCAP – Jay Johnson
    - Admissions and Graduation – Don Janssen
  4. Old Business:
    - Report on University Requirement equivalents –Debbie Wiegand
  5. New Business
  6. Adjourn
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**1. Chair's Report**

Chair Dillon introduced a new council member, Capt. Richard Fitzpatrick, who is replacing Stephen Keith. Dillon announced that Fitzpatrick's appointment for next year will be confirmed by the Faculty Senate.

**2. Approval of the minutes**

There were a couple of corrections to the minutes for April 27, 2007. With no further comment, the council approved them.

**3. Subcommittee Business:**

**SCAP—Jay Johnson**

Council member Johnson noted that he will not be able to attend the next SCAP and FCAS meeting.

Johnson started with new business in the Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) program. The first issue concerned adding a direct freshman admissions option to MSE's current admissions options. He stated that it was a routine proposal, but raised a concern regarding the forms used by the MSE department. Johnson noted that the forms sent out to students included some of the same questions that are found on admissions materials to the UW. He wondered if students knew that their UW admissions materials were being used by the MSE department. Council member Wiegand suggested that it was a question

of fairness. When students apply to the UW they are asked what they are interested in majoring in, and that information is then forwarded to the departments. She recommended that the forms have a note that asks students for their permission to forward information to departments. Chair Dillon stated the question on the motion and the council approved it unanimously.

The second issue concerned MSE changing the math requirement that would allow students to take either CSE 142 or AMATH 301 to satisfy their admissions or degree requirements. Council members briefly discussed the difference between the two classes. With no further comments, they approved the proposal as routine.

Johnson turned to old SCAP business: Aerospace Studies creating a new minor. He reviewed the problems with the original proposal and the steps taken to rectify them. The council approved the recommendation of the new minor as non-routine on a vote of seven in favor, with no abstentions.

The next piece of new business concerned the MEDEX program leading to a certificate in Oral Health within the existing major in MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program. The Tri-Campus review had no negative remarks for the proposal. Johnson commented that someone had emailed a SCAP member to raise a concern about the type of procedures the Dental Health Aide Therapists would be doing in the field. He noted that the proposal had the Dean's approval. Council members discussed why the concerned individual was not using open communication with public comment, but personal email. Wiegand noted that the question here was what communications should this committee be concerned about? Johnson stated that he wanted to approve the MEDEX program. A motion was made to approve the proposal, and seconded by council member Nobles. The motion was approved with a note that FCAS will not forward the comment received which was not posted to the Tri-Campus Review site.

The last piece of new business was the new minor in Values in Society. Johnson stated that SCAP approved it as routine. Council member Corbett noted that it needs a statement of approval. Dillon remarked that he would send them a document to show that FCAS and SCAP had reviewed it. A motion to approve was made by council member Keil and seconded by council member Cunningham. The council approved the motion as non-routine.

### **Graduation and Admissions – Don Janssen**

Janssen recapped the proposed cross-campus enrollment policy and several problems with it. He identified the primary problem with the proposed policy as students being admitted to one campus based on the admissions policy/procedures of another campus. He said that the Admissions Subcommittee was opposed to any policy that attempted to admit students to a campus by any process other than the standard admissions procedures for that campus. Janssen was also concerned about the existing cross-campus policy that allows students to meet requirements for a minor on one campus while being enrolled at another. The policy applies to any minor on any campus. The Subcommittee's objection

to this policy is the disciplinary issue that would allow a student charged with misconduct on one campus to have his case handled at his home campus. The UW campuses handle student conduct issues differently, so the policy would ultimately be unfair. A discussion ensued about where the policy originated. Wiegand said she would look into the matter. Dillon agreed to speak to FCTCP Chair Marcia Killien about the disciplinary issue, and to work with Wiegand.

Janssen handed out a copy of the “Draft Report of the Admissions and Graduation Subcommittee on Special Admits.” He noted that he had received comments from the subcommittee and that he would like FCAS members to read it and be ready to talk about it at the next meeting. He is currently working on a recommendation for the task force being created to address course rigor. Council member Shields commented on the generally positive remarks made by Pat Dobel, Faculty Athletic Representative, to the Faculty Senate about the academic performance of student athletes. Janssen replied that the subcommittee is focusing on the lowest group of student athletes, not the entire pool of 600 athletes. He said that the number of special admit athletes (counting students at all grade levels) are between 120-150 students.

#### **4. Old Business:**

##### **Report on University Requirement equivalents – Deborah Wiegand**

Wiegand read the statement from the Interinstitutional Committee of Academic Officers on the General Education Transfer Agreement:

*“If a Washington public baccalaureate institution certifies that a student has met all of the lower division general education requirements at the sending institution, the receiving Washington public baccalaureate institution will accept that the transfer student has met all of the receiving institution’s lower division general education requirements.”*

She also cited the clarifications to the statement added by each of the institutions:

1. The receiving institution agrees to accept that a student has met that institution’s university-level general education requirements. . . The agreement does not speak to requirements at the college or major or program level.
2. The agreement applies to students who transfer from a Washington public baccalaureate institution into another Washington public baccalaureate institution.
3. Students are responsible for initiating a request for certification of general education completion from their sending institution.

Wiegand explained the agreement and noted that the statement does not include Advanced Placement credit. This means that the UW would have to accept it unless it was configured as part of a college, major, or program requirement. However, the UW

writing requirement is a University requirement. She reiterated that it is the sending institution that certifies the G.E. requirement.

Janssen remarked that the UW would have to accept this from community colleges as well. Wiegand explained the differences between community college and four year degree transfers. She suggested that this probably is not a serious problem but that they could ask the Registrar to keep track of the requests that come in and to report back.

**5. New Business:**

There was no New Business.

**6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.**

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**Present:**

**Faculty:** Cunningham, Dillon (Chair), Fitzpatrick, Janssen, Keil, Johnson, Newell

**Ex-Officio:** John Sahr (for Ed Taylor), Rickerson, Shields, Nobles

**Regularly Invited Guests:** Corbett, Wiegand, Winslow

**Absent:**

**Ex-Officio:** Navin (excused)

**Regularly Invited Guests:** Ballinger (excused), Mildon,