

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Academic Standards

Friday, 17 November 2006
224 Mary Gates Hall

Chair George Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Announcements
2. Approval of Minutes
3. SCAP Report
4. Interdisciplinary Minors

1. Announcements

The FCAS website has gone up. Linda Fullerton will be working with us on posting items. Don Janssen's annual report was posted, as well as the guidelines for BA or BS. In addition, the newest 1503 will also be posted. The group also discussed having the Course Level Definitions posted. DJ will send GD an electronic copy. GD provided an update from Senate Executive Committee. Pat Dobel discussed the academic programs for athletes: Bridge program. LN mentioned there was a significant number of academic ineligible athletes this year-GD will contact Pat Dobel for an update.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 10/20/2006 were approved. Motioned by SK and seconded by LN.

3. SCAP Report

Routine Approvals: FCAS approved the following proposals

Comparative Religion – (RELIG-20060730) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/Comparative Religion. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Approve Routine – Matt to make minor edits to item #1 and last paragraph.

Canadian Studies – (SISCA-20060730) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/Canadian Studies. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Approve Routine – Matt to make minor edits to last paragraph.

Mathematics – (MATH-20060712) Revised admission requirements for the major in ACMS within the Bachelor of Science. Background: They would like to reduce the number of classes students must take to declare major. Justification: Will allow students access to major earlier. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Approve Routine – Matt to make minor edit to specify MATH AP test.

Electrical Engineering (EE-20061016) Revised requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Background: The department as listed an undergraduate residency requirement of 30-45 credits for 25 years and would like to get official University approval. Justification: The faculty feel that the residency requirement is desirable for the integrity of the program. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Approve Routine.

Proposals Needing More Clarification

Korea Studies – (SISEA-20060730A) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/Korea Studies. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Denied – Robert to work with departments for more clarity and submission on new form. The list needs to be sent to FCAS for approval; list must only be a list, no extra information, which should be included in the catalog, and the list should be labeled.

China Studies – (SISEA-20060730B) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/China Studies. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Denied – Robert to work with departments for more clarity and submission on new form. The list needs to be sent to FCAS for approval; list must only be a list, no extra information, which should be included in the catalog, and the list should be labeled.

Japan Studies – (SISEA-20060730C) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/Japan Studies. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Denied – Robert to work with departments for more clarity and submission on new form. The list needs to be sent to FCAS for approval; list must only be a list, no extra information, which should be included in the catalog, and the list should be labeled.

Southeast Asian Studies – (SISEA-20060730D) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/Korea Studies. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Denied – Robert to work with departments for more clarity and submission on new form. The list needs to be sent to FCAS for approval; list must only be a list, no extra information, which should be included in the catalog, and the list should be labeled.

Jewish Studies – (SISJE-20060730) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/Jewish Studies. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Denied – Robert to work with departments for more clarity and submission on new form. The list needs to be sent to FCAS for approval; list must only be a list, no extra information, which should be included in the catalog, and the list should be labeled.

South Asian Studies – (SISSA-20060730) Revised requirements for the minor in International Studies/Korea Studies. Background: Department is proposing to eliminate the detailed citation of acceptable courses in the catalog, but instead maintain them on a departmental website. Justification: This would improve administrative efficiency without impacting advising and self-advising. Action Taken: 11/03/06 – Denied – Robert to work with departments for more clarity and submission on new form. The list needs to be sent to FCAS for approval; list must only be a list, no extra information, which should be included in the catalog, and the list should be labeled.

Philosophy – (PHIL-20060504) New minor in Values in Society. Background/Justification: To offer a minor through the Program on Values in Society, a UIF grant funded program whose projects include an undergraduate minor in ethics. This 25credit minor would give students the option building a general ethics regimen or specialization in almost any field by combining ethics courses with other courses of their

choice. Action Taken: 5/26/06 –Hold. SCAP would like to invite Program on Values in Society Director to address committee in the fall to address questions about interdisciplinary vs. philosophy minor, and the potential for students to only have to take 2-3 classes outside of their major for this minor. Action Taken: 10/6/2006 – Will attend October 20th meeting to discuss committee questions/concerns. Action Taken: 10/20/2006 – Recommend FCAS review. Request discussion of the following items: Rules/Policies on creating Interdisciplinary minors, Minors in majors, especially when a department houses an Interdisciplinary minor. What class distribution should be included in an Interdisciplinary minor? Should there be a required number of credits at the 300-level or above? FYI: VALUES prefix has been approved by the Curriculum Committee Action Taken: 11/17/2006 – SCAP recommends disapproval of the Values in Society minor as currently written. It is a needed area of study For non-philosophy majors it constitutes a minor in philosophy Content for philosophy majors taking the minor is too closely aligned with the content of a philosophy major—this is more of a philosophy option. They might want to look into making this a transcripted option for majors. In addition, there is concern that they could get an ENVIRO minor with all the same classes.

FCAS agreed that the proposal needs to be returned with the following wording: “The proposal represents a needed areas of study within the university. However, the committee views the curriculum as a philosophy minor for non-philosophy majors, since the content for philosophy majors taking the minor is too closely aligned with the content of the major.”

4. Interdisciplinary Minors

The committee continued to discuss what constitutes an “interdisciplinary minor.” Some suggested that an interdisciplinary implies inter-administrative, and that several departments should be administering and overseeing the curriculum. Others suggested a collaborative committee to oversee certain minors. No credit maximum per department was decided by the group, though 10 seemed a common suggestion. Largely, the concern was making it a meaningful minor, which means thinking about what type of structure and hour limits would facilitate enough significant exploration for the student.

The meeting was adjourned at (3.03 pm). *Minutes by* (l. Whitney Thompson, Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, iwt@u.washington.edu)

Present: ***Faculty members:***

Dillon, G.
Janssen, D.
Keith, S.
Cunningham, S.
Johnson, J.
Newell, L.

Ex officio members:

Shields, E.
Nobles, R.
Trudeau, M.
Navin, M.

Regularly invited guests:

Mildon, T.
Wiegand, D.
Corbett, R.