

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Academic Standards Meeting Minutes
Friday, 8 December 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. Admissions and Graduation Subcommittee Update
4. SCAP
5. Definition of Interdisciplinary Minors
6. Legislation to Clarify New Program Approval Process with Public Announcement

1. Approval of Minutes

FCAS approved November 17 minutes.

2. Admissions and Graduation Subcommittee Update

There was not an update. They will meet on December 11 and provide an update at the next meeting.

3. SCAP Report

FCAS approved recommendations. SK motioned; JJ seconded; unanimous approval

Old Business:

1. **American Indian Studies** - (AIS-20060315) New Major in American Indian Studies:BA.

Background/Justification: Department wants to add a Bachelors of Arts degree with a major in American Indian Studies rather than offer through General Studies.

Action Taken: 5/12/06 – Approved (Non-Routine) pending that all courses in documentation exist. To be sent to FCAS and Tri-Campus Review. Jennifer to check on courses.

Change wording in admissions #1 to say CUM GPA instead of University GPA.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Approve with edits – forward to FCAS. (Last of courses approved 12/1/2006)

2. **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.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Approved pending confirmation of additional clarification of text on requirements, electives and removal of text from approved list from department, etc..

Robert to follow up with International Studies.

3. **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.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Approved pending departmental confirmation of acceptance of SCAP edits, including renumbering and deleting text from approve lists, etc..

Robert to follow up with International Studies.

4. **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.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 - Approved pending confirmation of additional clarification of text on requirements, electives and removal of text from approved list from department, etc.

Robert to follow up with International Studies.

5. **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.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Approved pending departmental confirmation of acceptance of SCAP edits, including renumbering and deleting text from approve lists, etc.

Robert to follow up with International Studies.

6. **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.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Approved pending confirmation of additional clarification of text on requirements, electives and removal of text from approved list from department, etc..

Robert to follow up with International Studies.

7. **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.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Approved pending confirmation of additional clarification of text on requirements, electives and removal of text from approved list from department, etc..

Robert to follow up with International Studies.

New Business:

**Discussed soon to be proposed major in “Interdisciplinary” Early Childhood and Family Studies. 1503 to hopefully be prepared soon. Debbie to work with College of Education.

1. **Civil and Environmental Engineering** – (CEE-20061116) Revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Background: The department would like to require students to earn a 2.0 in each of the four courses used to fulfill the Core Courses requirement and a 2.0 in the two course design sequence.

Justification: Report showed that the changes would have negligible impact on recent graduates. They believe that these changes are an appropriate part of their preparation for the 2007 ABET accreditation visit.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Approved Routine – forward to FCAS.

2. **Social Work** – (SOCWF-20061129) New program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Community, Leadership, and Social Justice.

Background: The School of Social Work would like to introduce a liberal arts major in social work/social welfare. The major would not include social work practice or field work, but would be geared towards students who have a commitment to social justice and an interest in interdisciplinary study.

Justification: A survey of students in SOC WF 200 found interest in the proposed major. Graduates could go onto graduate work in social work or another discipline, or seek work in related areas.

Action Taken: 12/1/2006 – Sent back to department for more information to include admissions and general education requirements, student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support, etc.

Debbie to provide additional information to Jennifer who will communicate with School of Social Work.

4. Definition Interdisciplinary Minors

The committee discussed programs that on interdisciplinary minors and agreed to the following five characteristics: 1) minor, maximum 10 credits taken in students' major department; 2) must have a joint coordinating/supervising committee; 3) must be a department appointed for administrative oversight; 4) must have a mechanism for intellectual integration (i.e. service learning, capstone courses, seminar, etc); 5) at least two units must be involved to make it interdisciplinary. Robert C. will make the first draft of the five requirements to be linked to the 1503 page. JJ suggested that FCAS Chair run it by the Faculty Senate for feedback. Richard Keil will forward email that defines "inter" and "trans". A part of the committee's concern is that interdisciplinary is being used appropriately.

5. Legislation to Clarify New Program Approval Process with Public Announcement

The committee discussed the announcement of new programs or degrees that have not yet undergone FCAS approval (i.e. Ethics minor in Philosophy, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood and Family Studies Major). Several suggestions from the committee: an annual announcement sent to departments specifying correct line of authority; legislation to clarify when announcements can be made.

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

Present: ***Faculty members:***

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

Ex officio members:

Nobles, R.
Trudeau, M.
Navin, M.
Rickerson, C.
Sahr, J.

Regularly invited guests:

Winslow, M.
Wiegand, D.
Corbett, R.
Trudeau, M.