

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Academic Standards

March 8, 2019
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis

1. Call to order
 2. Review minutes from February 22, 2019
 3. Chair's report
 4. Extra credit percent of course guidelines
 5. Discussion of SB 5166
 6. SCAP report
 7. Good of the order
 8. Adjourn
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1. Call to order

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

2. Review minutes from February 22, 2019

The minutes from February 22, 2019 were approved with one note regarding SCAP report documentation.

3. Chair's report

Stroup, the chair, updated the council that a subgroup of SCAG is reviewing and revising holistic admissions. Executive leadership asked the subgroup to move forward and develop a system to change how the University selects first year students. The subgroup will recommend that personal qualities and attributes (PQA) and areas of academic interest be acknowledged and considered as part of a student's application. The chair will present more details at a future meeting and also invite Faculty Senate leadership to attend an FCAS meeting.

The chair restated to the council that Arts and Sciences is no longer working on a Direct to Division (DtoD) proposal. A member asked if the changes in admissions will resolve enrollment imbalances. The chair responded that those changes will likely move enrollment in the right direction (less bias), but the changes will not guarantee balance. The chair shared that she thought that the University may shift toward Direct to X in an effort to balance enrollment.

The chair mentioned that there is an idea for department chairs to write to admitted applicants, inviting them to attend the University. A member commented that Admissions is working with the College of Arts and Sciences on a coordinated communication plan, but that was thought to be a divisional effort. The details are unclear.

Emily Leggio, Senior Associate Director for Enrollment Policy for Planning & Research, shared a report from Admissions. The University made approximately 20,000 offers of admission, 7,700 were invited to wait list, and 15,000 were denied admission. A member asked if students receive notice of their direct to division admission at the same time of their UW admission status. Leggio responded that students applying to computer science, engineering and business receive dual notice.

The chair asked Dan Ratner if he could update the council on the College of Engineering's placement into major. Ratner responded that Placement 1 will occur July 1.

The chair shared that the council's Class C resolution on medical notes was delivered to Faculty Senate leadership; however, The Faculty Council on Student Affairs (FCSA) has also written a Class C resolution. Faculty Senate leadership asked that FCAS and FCSA work together to consolidate/compromise. The council discussed the merits of their resolution and compared their position to FCSA's position. The chair will send the FCSA draft resolution to the council members via email.

The chair is still waiting to hear back from the Washington Attorney General's Office regarding review of American Indian and Alaska Native applications. The chair has asked if the University can move away from using blood quantum and rather base admissions on involvement and enrollment in a tribe.

4. Extra credit percent of course guidelines

The chair notified the council that the UW Curriculum Committee has seen proposed syllabi in which as much as 20 percent of a course credit can be met through extra credit. The chair asked the council if they wanted to establish guidelines/limitations around extra credit. A member recommended that the council define extra credit. The council will discuss this at a future meeting.

5. Discussion of SB 5166

The chair shared that the Washington State Legislature is considering a bill to require postsecondary institutions to make accommodations for students who observe religious events/holidays. Council members reviewed and discussed the current draft of the bill (Exhibit 1).

The chair will reach out to Chris Laws in his role as Deputy Faculty Legislative Representative and share the council's concerns.

6. SCAP report

Routine business:

#1 – Civil and Environmental Engineering

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree.

The request was approved and forwarded for tri-campus review.

#2 – School of Environmental and Forest Sciences

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and Terrestrial Resource Management. The Department is proposing updating the COM requirement because of the recent COM course changes.

The request was approved and forwarded for tri-campus review.

Non-routine business:

#3 – Drama

The request is for a new minor in acting.

The request is back from tri-campus, with no comments, and was approved by majority vote.

#4 – Earth & Space Sciences

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Earth & Space Sciences. The department is proposing to revise a number of program requirements, including the addition of ESS 401 as a course requirement (on January UWCC meeting agenda).

The request is back from tri-campus, with no comments, and was approved by majority vote.

#5 – Civil and Environmental Engineering

The request is for revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering degree. The department is proposing to require one science course from an approved list.

A member took issue with the change in the minimum grade. The council discussed the justification and current standards.

The request was approved and forwarded for tri-campus review.

7. Good of the order

Nothing was stated.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes by Lauren Hatchett, lehatch@uw.edu, council analyst

Present: **Faculty:** Sarah Stroup (Arts & Sciences) (chair), D. Shores (Business), Phil Brock (Arts & Sciences), Dan Ratner (Engineering), Ann Huppert (Built Environments), Lynn Dietrich (Education), Joel Thornton (Environment), Mike Lockwood (Naval ROTC)
Ex-officio reps: Meera Roy, Dan Feetham, Conor Casey

Guests: Michaelann Jundt, Robin Neal, Robert Corbett, Scott Fallgren, Emily Leggio

Absent:

Faculty: Champak Chatterjee (Arts & Sciences), Zhi Lin (Arts & Sciences), John Sahr (Engineering), Radhika Govindrajan (Arts & Sciences)

President's designee: Philip Ballinger

Ex-officio reps: Melissa Saiz-Matheny, Angelia Miranda, Jennifer Payne

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – 5166-S.pdf

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5166

State of Washington**66th Legislature****2019 Regular Session**

By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, Carlyle, Frockt, Palumbo, and Nguyen)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing religious accommodations for
2 students at postsecondary educational institutions during exams or
3 other requirements to successfully complete a program; amending RCW
4 28B.10.039; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and recodifying
5 RCW 28B.10.039.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.039 and 2014 c 168 s 4 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (~~Institutions of higher education~~) (1) Postsecondary
10 educational institutions must develop policies to accommodate student
11 absences (~~for up to two days per academic year,~~) to allow students
12 to take holidays for reasons of faith or conscience or for organized
13 activities conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination,
14 church, or religious organization, so that students' grades are not
15 adversely impacted by the absences.

16 (2) Students' sincerely held religious beliefs and practices must
17 be reasonably accommodated with respect to all examinations and other
18 requirements to successfully complete a program. Instructors may
19 schedule alternative times without prejudicial effect before or after
20 the regularly scheduled examination or other requirement to
21 successfully complete a program. Instructors must accept at face

1 value the sincerity of the students' religious beliefs and must keep
2 requests for accommodation confidential unless disclosure of the
3 request is required to facilitate the accommodation with campus
4 administrators. The postsecondary educational institution must make
5 alternative accommodations for a student when:

6 (a) A student's sincerely held religious belief or practice
7 materially impacts the student's ability to perform on an examination
8 or meet a requirement to successfully complete a program; and

9 (b) The student has provided written notice within the first two
10 weeks of the beginning of the program of the specific dates the
11 student requests alternative accommodations from the examination or
12 requirement.

13 (3) Postsecondary educational institutions must:

14 (a) Distribute a copy of the postsecondary educational
15 institution's policy to faculty, students, and administrators, and
16 ensure the policy is published on its web site. Postsecondary
17 educational institutions must also include the policy in any future
18 publication of any publicly available handbook or other document
19 regularly provided to faculty, students, and staff.

20 (b) Provide instructors, faculty, school administrators, and
21 other relevant staff a nonexhaustive list of major religious holy
22 days or festivals for the following two academic years to facilitate
23 planning.

24 (4) Instructors at each postsecondary educational institution
25 must include in each course syllabus a statement regarding the
26 postsecondary educational institution's religious accommodation
27 policy, including a description of the general procedure to request
28 accommodations and informing students of the point of contact by
29 which they may seek accommodation or further information about the
30 policy.

31 (5) Postsecondary educational institutions must provide a process
32 for students to notify the Title IX coordinator, a Title IX
33 coordinator's designee, or a designated staff member if there is no
34 Title IX coordinator, of any grievances with regard to implementation
35 of this section, and to seek redress.

36 (6) No fees shall be imposed on students by postsecondary
37 educational institutions as a result of seeking accommodation under
38 this section.

39 (7) For the purposes of this section, "postsecondary educational
40 institution" means an institution of higher education as defined in

1 RCW 28B.10.016, a degree-granting institution as defined in RCW
2 28B.85.010, a private vocational school as defined in RCW 28C.10.020,
3 school as defined in RCW 18.16.020, and any entity offering academic
4 credit for an apprenticeship program under RCW 49.04.150.

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 28B.10.039 is recodified as a section
6 in a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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