

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning
November 7, 2019
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of the minutes from October 3, 2019
 3. Announcements
 4. Distance learning updates and Class B legislation – Lynn Dietrich
 5. Religious accommodations update
 6. Zoom pro license subcommittee
 7. Good of the order
 8. Adjourn
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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. Review of the minutes from October 3, 2019

The minutes from October 3, 2019 were approved as written.

3. Announcements

Tom Lewis shared two projects from UW-IT. His team is working on research and data management tools related to teaching and learning that could be integrated into Canvas. He will present this at the January FCTL meeting. He also mentioned that his team is using predictive analytics in Canvas to determine student outcomes. He asked the council if his team could present some of their findings at a future meeting.

ASUW will pass a resolution regarding use of medical excuse notes at the University. This resolution will be presented at a future Faculty Council on Student Affairs meeting

4. Distance learning updates and Class B legislation – Lynn Dietrich

Lynn Dietrich updated the council on the current Distance Learning policy. She noted that in Distance Learning (DL) courses are required to undergo an additional review after the third year; however, other University courses are not. The additional review was put in place when the DL was first introduced at the University in the early 2000s. Dietrich requested that the council review the current policy and consider removing the additional review (Scholastic Regulations Chapter 115) via Class B legislation.

Dietrich asked the council if they had any questions or could foresee any pushback. Members were wary of removing the additional review altogether. Members offered that new language could be substituted

that permits units to conduct any additional reviews they see fit. Dietrich will draft Class B legislation and present at the next meeting.

Halverson, the chair, and Dietrich also mentioned two other issues that impact online students. The chair will invite Helen Garrett, University Registrar, to a future meeting to discuss current residency requirements and restrictions on program-specific students.

5. Religious accommodations update

The chair updated the council on the new religious accommodations policy that was mandated by the WA state legislature. He reported that there were 131 requests from 73 students. Currently, all requests are sent to the University Registrar who has been tasked with determining if a reasonable accommodation can be made.

The chair presented two question for the council to consider (Exhibit 1).

Council members discussed examples where students would need to miss class. Council members felt that there should be a standard policy for accommodations.

6. Zoom pro license subcommittee

The chair shared again that the council has previously discussed the need for a University Zoom license. Kathleen Peterson and Tom Lewis volunteered to help the chair craft a draft.

7. Good of the order

A member asked if the council would follow up on questions that were raised by the FCTL diversity and equity informed pedagogy subcommittee.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

Present: **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Thomas Halverson (chair), Sri Devi Duvvuri, Time Tihanyi, Kathleen Peterson, Kristin Gustafson
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Judith Howard,
President's designee: LeAnne Jones Wiles
Guests: Katie Malcolm, Sam Akeyo

Absent: **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Kimberlee Gillis-Bridges, Fred Bookstein,
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Brady Rainey, Deepa Banerjee

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – FCTL 11719 Turn and Talk 2.0.pptx

- Trying to think about the religious accommodation policy in relationship to other “accommodation” requests we’re getting from students (e.g., medical excuse, military service, sports, etc.), and wondering if it might be smart to move in the direction of having a standard “accommodation” policy that might cover all (or most) of these requests.

Turn and talk for 10 minutes...

Please be prepared to discuss:

- 1.) What would be the downside to/problem with adopting a “standard” (baseline/minimum) accommodation policy for all class absences? (e.g., It wouldn’t matter if it were religious, medical, sports, military... same policy in terms of accommodation)
- 2.) If we have a standard/baseline/minimum policy, could we then allow faculty to go further, or make specific alterations to the “base model”, accommodation policy, as long as it met these minimum standards?