

Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy
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The Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy (FCTCP) was established in the Faculty Code in 2001 and charged with the responsibility for coordination of policies that affect all UW campuses. It also provides a forum for faculty of the three campuses to consult on matters of shared concern. Each campus has equal voting representation on the Council.

During the 2004-05 academic year, FCTCP met monthly, with additional task force meetings to further the work of the Council. Major accomplishments of the council this year included:

1. Collaborated with UW Administration to finalize and implement the process for three-campus curriculum coordination.

The Handbook, Section 13-23C states,

- C. "A faculty action under provisions of paragraph A. of this Section shall become effective upon its approval by the President, and, when taken by the faculty at the Bothell or Tacoma campus, the prior approval of the Chancellor of the campus, except, the approval of new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors, and certificate programs, regardless of campus of origin, will first be referred by the President to the Faculty Senate for coordinated review by all three campuses. Graduate degree proposals, regardless of campus of origin, are already reviewed by the Graduate School before being referred for Presidential and Board of Regents approval."

In June 2004, the FCTCP forwarded recommendations to the Chair of the Faculty Senate and President Huntsman for a process for implementing this executive order for a three campus review of new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors, and certificate programs. The purpose of the process is to facilitate collaboration and communication among faculty of the three campuses while supporting the autonomy of faculty at each campus to approve their own curricula. Senate Chair Ross Heath, with the concurrence of the FCTCP chair, made minor editorial changes in the June 2004 recommendation. The Senate Executive Committee endorsed the review procedures – as revised by Ross Heath – at its January 10, 2005 meeting (Approved Process attached).

A task force of stakeholders met in March 2005 to propose implementation procedures. The group included Marcia Killien, Chair, Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy; Lea Vaughn, Secretary of the Faculty, Office of University Committees, Faculty Senate; Robert Corbett, Coordinator of New Programs, Office of Undergraduate Education, UW Seattle; Todd Mildon, University Registrar, Office of the Registrar; Kevin Laverty, Vice Chair, General Faculty Organization, UW Bothell; Robert Jackson, Chair, Faculty Assembly, UW Tacoma; Josh Tenenberg, Vice Chair, Faculty Assembly, UW Tacoma; Susan Jeffords, Vice Provost for Academic Planning, Office of the Provost. The group recommended that Phase I of the process (comments on proposals) be implemented from the Secretary of the Faculty's office, using Catalyst tools, and that all comments would be available for viewing within this system.

FCTCP used a modified version of these processes to review the following program proposals:

1. Proposal for a Minor in Disabilities Studies (UWS)
2. Proposal for a Minor in French Studies (UWS)

The full process was used to review the following program proposals:

1. Proposal for a Minor in Applied Computing (UWT)
 2. Proposal for a BA in Computing and Software Systems (UWT)
 3. Proposal for a Minor in Policy Studies (UWB)
2. Participated in conversations about the future vision of the three campus university. In Fall 2004, the Presidential Tri-Campus Task Force sponsored a Retreat at Salish Lodge. All FCTCP voting members were invited to attend. The following members participated in the retreat: FCTCP ex officio member Jack Nelson, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UW, Tacoma, FCTCP members Marcy Stein and Ilene Schwartz, and ex officio member Kevin Laverty. A chief emphasis of discussion at the retreat will be "options and models" for a multi-campus vision. Participants shared their observations with the entire Council at a regular FCTCP meeting following the retreat.
3. Advised FCAS on proposed legislation related to transfer credits.

FCAS chair, Dan Janssen, requested input from FCTCP on proposed legislation related to transfer credits. Following discussion, FCTCP recommended the following policy: "The University of Washington will accept in transfer toward a bachelor's degree no more than 90 lower-division credits prior to admission to a major. After a student has been admitted to a university major, additional lower-division transfer credit may be allowed when the student requests the transfer, and those additional credits satisfy major requirements or can be used as free electives. Academic units will determine whether additional credits can be used in this way."

Council Members: Regular voting members (faculty): Marcia Killien, Chair; Constantin Behler, Carol Leppa, Johann J.K. Reusch, Ilene S. Schwartz, Marcy Stein and Zoe Barsness.
Ex officio members: Thomas Bellamy, Cynthia Fugate, Christine James, Susan Jeffords, Kevin Laverty, Jack Nelson, Josh Tenenberg, Ashley Emery, Gail Stygall, and Alvin Chen.