Meeting synopsis:

1. Call to order
2. Review of the minutes from February 11, 2021
3. DRS accommodation requests – Nancy Sisko & Micah
4. Check-in with Kat and Lynn on updates.
5. Check-in with "Reasonable Accommodation" subcommittee on survey/data
6. Check-in with "Peer Evaluation" subcommittee
7. Discussion: UWT resolution banning online proctoring
8. Good of the order
9. Adjourn

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

2. Review of the minutes from February 11, 2021
The minutes from February 11, 2021 were approved as written.

3. DRS accommodation requests – Nancy Sisko & Micah
Nancy Sisko joined the council to discuss DRS accessibility in courses. Members highlighted the 5-week deadline for faculty to submit materials for DRS. Micah Lusignan (UW Student) also joined the council and shared their personal challenges with the DRS accommodation request system. Members noted their appreciation and desire to support the DRS system.

4. Check-in with Kat and Lynn on updates
Lynn Dietrich mentioned current Curriculum College policies continue to limit fee-based student access. Kat Eli noted the Faculty Council on Academic Standards and their Subcommittee on Academic Programs were asked to work on the issue.

5. Check-in with "Reasonable Accommodation" subcommittee on survey/data
The subcommittee noted their intent to provide an in-depth review of collected data at a future meeting.

6. Check-in with "Peer Evaluation" subcommittee
The subcommittee stated they plan to share more information at a future meeting.

7. Discussion: UWT resolution banning online proctoring
A member shared a resolution from UW Tacoma supporting the banning of online proctoring (Exhibit 1).

8. **Good of the Order**

Council members were asked to reconsider the Class A legislation on a new faculty council (Exhibit 2) with suggested edits. The council voted to approve the legislation with suggested edits.

Chair Halverson noted the Class C resolution on reconceptualizing merit was approved through the Faculty Senate. Members highlighted the work the council and senate have focused on to support students, teaching, and modes of learning this academic year.

9. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Minutes by Alexandra Portillo, faculty council analyst, xanport@uw.edu

**Present:**

*Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:* Fred Bookstein, Lynn Dietrich, Kimberlee Gillis-Bridges, Thomas Halverson (chair), Timea Tihanyi, Rania Hussein, Ruben Casas  
*Faculty Code Section 21-61 B:* Kat Eli, Deepa Benerjee, Ashlee Abrantes  
*President’s designee:* LeAnne Jones Wiles  
*Guests:* Katie Malcolm, Sean Gehrke, Matt Winslow, Micah Lusignan

**Absent:**

*Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:* Kristin Gustafson, Kathleen Peterson  
*Faculty Code Section 21-61 B:* Clara Coyote

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**Exhibits**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution Banning Online Proctoring  
Exhibit 2 – Class A - FCITS
Concerning support for the banning of online proctoring

WHEREAS, Students at UWT have petitioned a range of concerns about online proctoring

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has revealed and, in some cases, exasperated the disparities within the conditions in which students are doing remote learning, where some have access to technology, high-speed internet, and adequate study space while others do not, and

WHEREAS, the cost of online proctoring is often passed on to students, imposing further financial hardship on them, and

WHEREAS, online proctoring, which makes use of human proctors or algorithms to conduct surveillance of students, introduces bias into an already high-stakes situation and thereby creates further anxiety and risk for students whom are typically read as suspect on the basis of their race, ethnicity, or legal status, and

WHEREAS, online proctoring platforms have a record of not being transparent regarding privacy, and little is known about how any particular platform uses data that is collected during a proctoring session, which includes everything from facial recognition, to the conditions of the room in which a student is taking an exam, to the content of the exam, and

WHEREAS, the faculty at the University of Washington Tacoma has made strides in developing and implementing more authentic assessment procedures across schools and units which make cheating less likely and learning more meaningful, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Faculty Assembly calls upon all faculty to observe a ban on online proctoring unless a faculty member has sought and received an exemption for a particular exam from [APCC or whichever review body is designated].

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Faculty Assembly calls upon the entire campus community to commit to furthering the ongoing pedagogical projects which are variously seeking to support faculty in reimagining and redeveloping assignments and assessment methods that inherently discourage cheating and encourage meaningful learning.
Section 42-31 The Faculty Councils

A. As the principal advisory bodies to the Senate there shall be the following faculty councils:

1. The Faculty Council on Academic Standards;
2. The Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs;
3. The Faculty Council on Research;
4. The Faculty Council on Student Affairs;
5. The Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services;
6. The Faculty Council on University Libraries;
7. The Faculty Council on Benefits and Retirement;
8. The Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy;
9. The Faculty Council on Women in Academia;
10. The Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs;
11. The Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning;

B. Faculty councils may be abolished and created only by amendment to the Faculty Code.

C. Faculty councils are responsible to the Executive Committee of the Senate.

Section 42-32 Appointment of Faculty Councils

A. Because the faculty councils will be concerned with broad problems of policy relating to matters of University government, the basic qualifications of appointees should include a broad familiarity with the problems of University government, an understanding of the particular problems of the faculty within the framework of the University, and a familiarity with the substance of the particular areas of council responsibility.

B. The Executive Committee shall nominate and the Senate shall approve the appointment of the chairs and members of faculty councils.

The Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy shall consist of two members from the University of Washington, Seattle; two members, designated by the General Faculty Organization, from the University of Washington, Bothell; two members, designated by the Faculty Assembly, from the University of Washington, Tacoma; and as ex officio with vote: the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, the Vice Chair of the General Faculty Organization, and the Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly; and as ex officio without vote: the Faculty Legislative Representative and the Deputy Legislative Representative.

C. At the beginning of each academic year the roster of each faculty council shall be published in the Class C Bulletin. Subsequent changes during the academic year shall also be published in the Class C Bulletin.

D. The Executive Committee may determine the size of faculty councils from year to year, provided only that it make every effort to confine the size of each council to the size required for the effective discharge of its responsibilities. The Executive committee will also make every effort to include at least one member representing the University of Washington Bothell and the University of Washington Tacoma on all the councils.
E. Council members shall serve three-year terms and may be appointed to serve a second consecutive term. Appointments become effective at the beginning of the academic year. When an appointment is made to fill a position vacated during the academic year, the appointment shall be made as specified in Chapter 41, Section 41-33.

F. Faculty council members shall be deemed to have vacated their seats when they have been absent from three council meetings in an academic year. Council members are considered absent only if they fail, prior to a meeting, to inform the chair of the faculty council or the faculty council analyst of their inability to attend.


Section 42-33 Duties, Responsibilities and Powers of Faculty Councils

A. Faculty councils serve as deliberative and advisory bodies for all matters of University policy, and are primary forums for faculty-administrative interaction in determining that policy. Each faculty council within the area of its jurisdiction:

1. Shall prepare for submission to the Senate through the Executive Committee all legislative proposals pertaining to matters set forth in Chapter 22, Section 22-32, Subsection A;

2. Shall prepare for submission to the Senate through the Executive Committee any resolution passed at a faculty meeting falling under Chapter 21, Section 21-51, Subsection D;

3. May on its own initiative prepare legislative proposals or resolutions for submission through the Executive Committee to the Senate;

4. Shall submit to the Senate Chair any report, including annual reports, for transmission to the Senate through the Executive Committee;

5. May receive and make appropriate recommendations, within the limits set forth in Chapter 22, Section 22-32, Subsection B, concerning any communication from a member of the faculty;

6. May request such information and assistance as may be required in the effective pursuit of its duties;

7. May appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, such ad hoc committees as may be required for the effective pursuit of its work;

8. Shall be responsible for providing information and for interpreting or obtaining interpretation of policy regarding matters falling under its jurisdiction;

9. Shall receive reports or recommendations or resolutions from administrative or presidential committees in areas for which it is responsible, and, when appropriate, shall be invited to be represented on those committees.

B. The Senate Chair, after consultation with the Executive Committee, shall decide which faculty council shall assume jurisdiction when jurisdictional responsibility may be unclear and shall arrange for coordination among councils in the event that a matter may fall within the responsibility of more than one council.

S-A 29, June 8, 1964; S-A 43, November 14, 1972; S-A 67, December 5, 1983: all with Presidential approval.

Section 42-34 Faculty Council on Academic Standards
The Faculty Council on Academic Standards shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for matters of University policy relating to the academic affairs of the University, such as admissions policy, scholastic standards, university graduation requirements, and inter-institutional academic standards.

S-A 29, June 8, 1964; Senate Executive Committee action, November 30, 1964; S-A 50, January 22, 1976; S-A 73, May 24, 1985: all with Presidential approval.

Section 42-36 Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs

The Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to the interests of the faculty, such as appointment, tenure, promotion, professional leave, compensation (including salary and fringe benefits), academic freedom, standards of academic performance, and professional ethics.

S-A 29, June 8, 1964: with Presidential approval.

Section 42-37 Faculty Council on Research

The Faculty Council on Research shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to research and scholarship.


Section 42-38 Faculty Council on Student Affairs

The Faculty Council on Student Affairs shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to non-academic student affairs such as financial aid, housing, regulation of social affairs, eligibility rules, intercollegiate athletics, and general student welfare.

S-A 29, June 8, 1964 with Presidential approval.

Section 42-39 Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services

The Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to University facilities and services such as building needs, space utilization, supplies and equipment, administrative services, and parking and traffic problems.

S-A 29, June 8, 1964 with Presidential approval.

Section 42-40 Faculty Council on University Libraries

The Faculty Council on University Libraries shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to libraries such as, but not limited to, collection development; services to students, faculty, and others; the system of libraries, including branch libraries; space needs; and budgetary requirements.

S-A 50, January 22, 1976 with Presidential approval.

Section 42-41 Faculty Council on Benefits and Retirement

The Faculty Council on Benefits and Retirement shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to faculty retirement, insurance and benefits.

S-A 89, April 8, 1994 with Presidential approval.

Section 42-46 Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy
The Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy shall be responsible for matters of academic and non-academic policy between and among the campuses of the University of Washington.

Section 42-47 Faculty Council on Women in Academia

The Faculty Council on Women in Academia shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to the interests of women.

Section 42-48 Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs

The Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to the interests of faculty of color.

Section 42-49 Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning

The Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy, both academic and non-academic, relating to improvement of teaching and learning in the University; including distance learning, continuing education, and Summer Quarter, and the use of educational technology in instruction.

Section 42-50 Faculty Council on Information Technology, Security, and Managing Innovation

The Faculty Council on Information Technology and Security shall be responsible (as described in Section 42-33) for all matters of policy relating to Information Technology and Security such as technology used for teaching and learning; videoconferencing; technology relating to hiring, merit, and promotion; collection and use of student data analytics; and research. This also entails issues of security and intellectual property regarding the use of such technologies.