

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning**

January 13, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Zoom**

**Meeting synopsis:**

1. Call to order
  2. Review of the minutes from December 9, 2021
  3. Chair Report
  4. Subcommittee Updates
    - a. Course/Teaching Evaluations
    - b. Faculty Peer Review
    - c. Student Accessibility/access
    - d. Undergraduate Student Learning
  5. FCAS agenda items with FCTL – Ann Huppert (FCAS chair)
  6. Update on Student/Course Evaluations – Jason Johnson (+Dan Ratner & Robin Angotti)
  7. Good of the Order
  8. Adjourn
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**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

**2. Review of the minutes from December 9, 2021**

The minutes from December 9, 2021 were approved as written.

**3. Chair Report**

Chair Halverson noted the reasonable accommodation class c resolution was revised to differentiate language from Disability Resources for Students. Additional input from stakeholders will be needed until FCTL final review in February 2022.

The chair also mentioned the need for departmental or faculty contacts on course listing fields of information before they are published. Changes to the instructor of record model may need Provost approval as a significant amount of change is needed.

**4. Subcommittee Updates**

- a. Course/Teaching Evaluations**
- b. Faculty Peer Review**
- c. Student Accessibility/access**
- d. Undergraduate Student Learning**

*Course/Teaching Evaluations:* The subcommittee shared a resolution from the 2003 Faculty Council on Instructional Quality regarding recommendations for use of student rating of instructors in merit and

promotion decisions, emphasizing the issue which has continued for almost 20 years. The analyst will review past legislation, if any, which has noted this issue.

*Faculty Peer Review:* Members shared information on the faculty code which defines the process and frequency on peer review. The subcommittee requested clarification of their role in regard to other councils and possibly combine with the course/teaching evaluations subcommittee.

*Student accessibility/access:* The subcommittee was in communication with DRS on methods to increase accessibility across university courses. DRS will note specific needs and options to share information about access.

*Undergraduate Student Learning:* Members were asked to review the assessment of student learning; UW Seattle does not have campus-wide student learning goals. UW Bothell is looking closely at undergraduate learning goals, specifically working to make them meaningful and able to be assessed (<https://www.uwb.edu/gfo/officers#ccal/>). UW Tacoma currently has general education learning goals. The Faculty Council on Academic Standards also has a subcommittee working on this topic and will coordinate with the FCTL subcommittee.

#### **5. FCAS Agenda items with FCTL – Ann Huppert (FCAS chair)**

FCAS chair Huppert will be invited to a future FCTL meeting to discuss these items with the council.

#### **6. Update on Student/Course Evaluations – Jason Johnson (+Dan Ratner & Robin Angotti)**

Sean Gehrke, Robin Angotti (STEM, UWB), and Dan Ratner (College of Engineering, Associate Dean) joined the council to discuss.

A concern was raised on threatening language in course evaluation comments. Commentors who violate code of conduct can be identified and disciplined. OEA worked with Academic HR on instructor demographics to understand what inherent biases are present in current evaluation processes. Members highlighted the similarity of student evaluations to transactional product reviews.

#### **7. Good of the Order**

Nothing was stated.

#### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m.

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

**Present:** **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Fred Bookstein, Lynn Dietrich, Casey Self, Kristin Gustafson, Thomas Halverson (chair), Lauren Graham, Rania Hussein  
**Faculty Code Section 21-61 B:** Kat Eli, Deb Raftus  
**Guests:** Sean Gehrke, Matt Winslow, Penelope Moon, Robin Angotti, Daniel Ratner, Matt Skirven, Ann Huppert

**Absent:** **Faculty Code Section 21-61 A:** Kathleen Peterson, SoYoung Kang, Anne-Marie Gloster  
**Faculty Code Section 21-61 B:** Lukas Illa,  
**President's designee:** LeAnne Jones Wiles