



2023-2024

Professor Jennifer Turns
Chair, Faculty Council on Academic Standards

Dear Professor Turns:

The Faculty Council on Academic Standards is charged with responsibility “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” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-34). Activities historically performed include approval of undergraduate degrees, majors and minors for the University of Washington Seattle Campus; evaluation of admissions and graduation requirements; and the selection of honors medalists and honors GPA cutoffs.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2023-24 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Propose Class B legislation revising Scholastic Regulations Chapter 114 (Degrees, Graduation, and Commencement)
- Determine how to work effectively with the University Committees on Curriculum Administration and General Education focusing on implementing recommendations from the Diversity Credit Task Force report
- Continue to review and revise posted FCAS policies, guidelines, and procedures
- Discuss changes to the tri-campus undergraduate admissions process-general admissions application
- Review proposed Class B legislation revising Scholastic Regulations Chapters 110 (Grades, Honors, Scholarship), 107 (Academic Probation and Dismissal for Low Scholarship), and 102 (Registration).
- Complete the work of standing sub-committees: Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs (SCAP), Subcommittee on Admissions and Graduation (SCAG), and Subcommittee on University Honors
- Discuss policy on grading in undergraduate courses, including who is responsible for the grading scheme for a course.

Joint agenda items:

- Implement the provost’s working group on the Future of Teaching & Learning recommendations with the Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning

After your first council meeting, we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council's goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing.

Many thanks to you and the members of your council, on behalf of Senate Leadership and the faculty of the University, for all your time and work this coming year. I wish you all the best and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Dougherty
Faculty Senate Chair