



2022-2023

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 2022-23 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:

- Improve the Undergraduate Areas of Inquiry, Writing/Composition Credit, and Majors/Minors policies
- Provide support for the creation of a Diversity Credit council subcommittee with the goal of developing Class B legislation to implement new requirements
- Evaluate recommended changes to English Language Proficiency requirements
- Continue to review and revise posted FCAS policies, guidelines, and procedures
- Review scholastic regulations for gender neutral language

Joint agenda items:

- Review proposed changes to Undergraduate General Education SR Chapter 114 with the Faculty Council on Student Affairs

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,

Mark A. Emmert
June 7, 2010
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