



2023-2024

Professor Casey Self  
Chair, Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning

Dear Professor Self

The Faculty Council on Teaching & Learning is charged with responsibility “for all matters of policy, both academic and non-academic, relating to improvement of teaching and learning in the university; including distance learning, educational outreach, and summer quarter, and the use of educational technology in instruction” (Faculty Code, Section 42-33). Activities historically performed include addressing a prioritized list of student and faculty-related concerns, inquiries, and interests relating to the effectiveness and overall well-being of pedagogy at the UW, especially by way of inviting key administrators and stakeholders to council meetings for providing supplementary information, and for receiving council and student guidance on the topics at-hand.

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:

- Review provost working group recommendations on the Future of Teaching and Learning Access working group and develop implementation plans
- Collaborate with the Future of Teaching and Learning Instructional Quality working group in Spring 2024 to draft Class A legislation
- Revise and align evaluations of teaching to include questions aligned with the core tenets of teaching drafted by the Future of Teaching working group
- Explore the materials that are required for the evaluation of teaching for merit and promotion
- Propose communication pathways for faculty on the use of AI tools for student assignments and grading

Joint agenda items:

- Collaborate with the Faculty Council on Informational Technology and Cybersecurity to review UW-IT’s programs for 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,

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Chair, Faculty Senate