



2024-2025

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 2024-25 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:

- Collaborate with the University Committees on Curriculum Administration and General Education focusing on implementing recommendations from the Diversity Credit Task Force report
- Continue to update or retire posted FCAS policies, guidelines, and procedures such as:
 - [Minors](#)
 - Major [Options](#)
 - Distance Learning
 - Double Majors
 - Alternative credentials
- Review University Registrar proposed Class B legislation revising Scholastic Regulations: SR 102 Registration; SR 110 Honors Awards; SR 113 Dropping a Course; SR 110, Section 3 Honors and Scholarship
- Assist in the development of a framework for characterizing how a corporation or entity connects to the university's educational mission and academic curricula
- Support the Faculty Council on Gender Equity and Justice (FCGEJ) with the continued effort to create gender neutral scholastic regulations, particularly around the move from the term freshman to the term first year

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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Louisa Mackenzie
Faculty Senate Chair