August 28, 2017

Professor Sarah Stroup
Chair, Faculty Council on Academic Standards

Dear Professor Stroup:

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 2017-18 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:

- Finalize a method for FCAS to effectively facilitate SCAP’s role in new degree and course proposals (Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs) within the framework of proposed new procedures.
- Monitor the ongoing development of new curricula and potential impact on budgets.
- Continue to refine procedures to streamline council and subcommittee workload.
- Monitor Direct-to-College admissions processes.
- Continue to conduct routine business of approval of new (or changed) 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 GPA cutoffs

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 on their behalf.

Sincerely,

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