October 6, 2015

Professor Patricia Kramer  
Chair, Faculty Council on Academic Standards

Dear Professor Kramer:

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 3 specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2015-16 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:

- Create a report addressing the interconnected set of issues surrounding the effects of ABB on educational collaboration inviting at least one member from the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy to join discussions and present preliminary findings to the ABB Review Committee and Faculty Senate at the end of autumn quarter.
- Evaluate proposed changes to freshman holistic review, and where warranted provide feedback or potential revisions to the Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment, the council’s presidential designee.
- Respond with due diligence to the expected College of Engineering proposal to change the method by which they enroll undergraduate majors.

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,

Norm Beauchamp  
Faculty Senate Chair  
Professor of Radiology

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