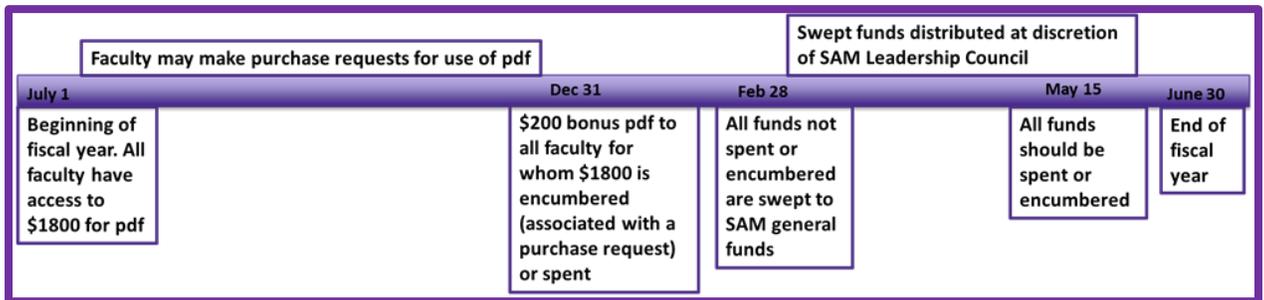


Consent Agenda for SAM Department Meeting  
February 4, 2026

**A. Announcements & Reminders**

- Spring course materials were due on 1/30. Please submit soon if you haven't yet.
- Course evaluation preferences due by 5 pm, Friday 2/13 (see email from Danielle on 1/28)
- Please be aware of communication sent out Friday Jan 30 regarding the closing of our Copy & Mail Center operations. We are working with the Dean's office to communicate Department concerns to the campus leadership and to understand what the closure means for our day-to-day operations.
- Merit Activity Report: We will implement a template for the Activity Report to include with your merit materials, which are due Monday, March 30
- Start planning for **peer evaluations** if needed for Regular Faculty Conferences
- Remember to have a plan to spend your **professional development funds** (PDF)! All funds not encumbered by Feb 28 will be swept to the department operating budget.
- PDF timeline AY 25-26:



**B. Curriculum Updates**

- *New program proposal updates:*
  - Biomedical Sciences and School of Pharmacy PNOI for a joint BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Draft for SAM Review and Comment. Please send comments and feedback to Leighann Chaffee (lchaffee@uw.edu)
- *New course proposals:*
- *Retire course proposals:*
  - *Biomedical Science proposes retiring the following:*
    - TBIOL 100
    - TBIOL 119 (Biology Collaborative Learning)
    - TBIOL 222 (Evolution and its Implications)
    - TBIOL 242 (Aging in Biology)
    - TBIOL 436 (Systems Biology)
    - TBIOMD 100
    - TCHEM 141, 151, 161 (old numbering for Chem sequence)
- *Course change proposals: None*
- *Program change proposals and related course change proposals:*

### **C. Advisor updates (Toni Woodman, Ryan Branchini)**

- Brian Rauscher, Academic Services Assistant Director, started January 21
- Spring registration starts on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>
- Toni sent out biomed major revision advising materials for review. Please provide feedback by the end of Feb.

### **D. Updates from the Programs**

*Biomedical Sciences (Marc Nahmani, Leighann Chaffee):*

- Biomedical faculty voted on adopting a new course (TBIOMD 485: Special Topics in Biomedical Sciences) as a List A elective within our major, AND to retire a set of courses, mostly that were never taught or for which we have no faculty to teach (per the Provost "curricular clean-up"). Both votes passed.
- Added TUESDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup> Major Meeting: 12:30-1:20, TPS 201

*Environmental Science and Environmental Sustainability (Ed Kolodziej, EC Cline, Tom Koontz):*

- We are considering a list of courses to retire and hope to vote at our next meeting

*Mathematics/Statistics (Zaher Kmail, Olga Shatunova):*

- No updates

### **E. Updates from Campus Committees:**

*Faculty Council on Digital Accessibility (FCDA – Jack Vincent, Julia Eaton, Ruth Vanderpool):*

- *Bring a laptop to consult and work on the accessibility of your Canvas course materials, with a Mathematics focus:*
- Friday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 (Week 7) in MDS 313
- Wednesday Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 (Week 9) in Joy 109
- *Thank you to Ruth Vanderpool (Math Teaching Committee Chair) for putting together these dates and getting the rooms.*

*SIAS Faculty Council (Haley Skipper and Jim Gawel):*

- Faculty Assembly meeting recap
  - Discussing changes in bylaws
  - SIAS representation is large, would like to decrease the demand for SIAS faculty service
  - Working on what is service and service load
  - Faculty feeling unprepared if ICE on campus
- Recap of SOCS mtg
  - Depts have freedom to change procedures
  - What is policy v procedure
  - Need clear documentation of what is allowed at dept level and what is at school level – FC will work on 1-pager
- Area of Inquiry

- Current SIAS proposal to include 20 credits each of NSc, SSc, A&H
- CAC survey (26 of 40 responded)
  - 95% said remain as is (20 credits each)
  - SAM may circulate the same survey to its faculty
- Possible model of 60 Aol credits but each major decides breakdown between areas (e.g., 30 NSc, 15 SSc, 15 A&H)
- SIAS Curriculum Revision in progress, but slow
  - Prereqs to SIAS majors (Catalogue v KUALI v DARS v website)
  - No prereqs, just graduation reqs
  - Need to fix all levels
  - Will require work for each major
- Updates from Dean
  - Increased potential for ICE action on our campus – review previous communications for info
  - Budget cut still modeling 3% but expecting closer to 1.5%
    - Ranking by Dean’s office would mean 1.5% cut includes full prof in Math and Asst Prof in Psych
- EVCAA asking for consistency in sabbatical applications across all schools (e.g. template, length in application)
- Reviews up for Divya McMillan, Sheila Edwards, and Dean of Social Work
- Curriculum
  - Food Minor
  - World Language – significant comments on PNOI need to be addressed

*Executive Council (EC Cline and Allen Olson)*

- Last week’s Faculty Assembly collected feedback on potential changes to the structure of committees and other campus-level policies. I will report more information after we have time to analyze this feedback.

*Faculty Senate (Julia Eaton)*

- 1/22/26 meeting: senate passed the *Class C Resolution Concerning Lack of Faculty Consultation in University of Washington Decision to Change Retirement Vendor/Advisor, Recordkeeper, and Retirement Funds*. Please see the attached slide deck for a summary of other discussion items and business (Graduate enrollment numbers, digital accessibility initiative, Class A legislation that does not currently apply to UWB/UWT campuses.) I’d be happy to discuss any of these further.

*Faculty Affairs (Morgan Heinz)*

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**F. FYI SAM Representatives on Elected Faculty & Student Bodies:**

Governing body	SAM representative	Term
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Faculty Council (SIAS)	Haley Skipper	1 year (ends Spring 2026)
	Jim Gawel	2 years (ends Spring 2027)
Executive Council (UWT Faculty Assembly)	EC Cline	2 years (ends Spring 2027)
	Allen Olson	3 years (ends Spring 2028)
Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee (UWT Faculty Assembly Standing Committee)	Julie Masura	1 year (ends Spring 2026)
Faculty Senate	Julia Eaton	2 years (ends Sep 2027)
Faculty Affairs	Morgan Heinz (for SIAS)	3 years (ends Spring 2028)
ASUWT	Joshua Barnes (EnvSci student)	