

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes
January 23, 2020

Present: Wendy Cook, David Douglas, Eric Foch, Jackie Krause, Dan Lipori, Gail Mackin, Andy Piacsek, Rose Spodobalski-Brower, Julia Stringfellow, Josh Welsh, Ke Zhong

Absent: Megan Matheson

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes of January 9, 2020 were approved as presented.

Chair Updates

Staci Sleight-Layman from HR, and Kristen Perry from the Wellness Center, attending the January 15 Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the role of faculty as mandatory reporters. The discussion addressed some concerns originating from the Title IX syllabi policy during the December 4 meeting, and also gave faculty the opportunity to ask questions and learn about additional resources. Staci or Kristen may be able to attend to address questions and concerns when the Title IX syllabi policy goes back to Faculty Senate at an upcoming meeting.

Provost Council reviewed the I/IP policy changes as an informational item at the meeting on Tuesday, and had no suggestions for changes. The policy will be going forward to Faculty Senate at the February meeting.

Old Business

a. Charge 03: Title IX Syllabi Statement

No additional concerns arose, so the policy was approved by AAC as presented.

b. Charge 14: Class Attendance Policy

Language was developed at the last AAC meeting but still needs to be reviewed and voted. Some concerns have come up about how the policy can and/or will be implemented, especially in large classes of 100+ students. However, there are many ways that faculty can collect information about students who are in attendance, and information about students whose intention is to take the class.

Additional changes were made to the policy language. Combine numbers 2 and 3 from section E and renumber accordingly; move the remainder of section F to G as a new number 6. Strike the first sentence of the new number 6.

Changes to the class attendance policy language were approved. No additional procedure changes were proposed.

New Business

a. Charge 08: Student Behaviors in Academic Settings

Josh and Andy worked on developing some initial language using a draft from the University Colorado system as a template. The language is still in draft form but needs committee review and revision, and also needs to be reviewed to make sure that the policy and procedure numbers coordinate. Josh contacted Greg in Student Success to get feedback but is still waiting to hear from him.

Concerns arose about the consequences of excluding students from class in response to repeated disruptive behavior. Students can be dropped or withdrawn from the class, but they should also be encouraged to participate remotely without dropping or withdrawing as a last resort. Reasonable alternatives should be provided so that the student can still be successful and complete the course, and faculty should be expected to provide reasonable alternatives.

Josh will talk to Walter and discuss the committees as addressed in the draft policy language. It still needs to be determined if these committees should exist at the college level or the university level. Next steps will be decided from there, including when the policy will be presented to Faculty Senate.

- b. Charge 09: Determine role of AAC in interpretation of academic policy
To be discussed at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Next Meeting:
February 13, 2020
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