

Minutes

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

April 2, 2020

Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Josh Welsh, Julia Stringfellow, Jaclyn Kraus, Dan Lipori, Megan Matheson, David Douglas, Eric Foch, Ke Zhong, Gail Mackin, and Andy Piacsek

Absent: Wendy Cook and Rose Spodobalski-Brower

Guest: Walter Szeliga

Meeting was called to order.

Andy moved to approval the March 26, 2020 minutes. Eric seconded and the minutes were approved.

Chair Updates

Josh reported that the SAT/ACT policy went straight to the President to be put into policy. This policy will be in a temporary state for fall 2020 admission.

New Business

- a. New Charge: Feedback on Emergency Pass/Fail Policy

Jaclyn: What's the benefit to the student?

Walter: Helps the student complete the course despite unforeseen problems (sickness, infrastructure, etc.)

Eric: What about accredited programs? Gail: That's covered in (F) of the 4-1 policy version.

Josh: Transferability?

Gail: ICAS: Majority of institutions are doing some kind of grading option like this. Community colleges are doing much the same. All the institutions across the state are doing their best to negotiate this. Transferability within the state will be fine. Going outside of the state is less clear.

Dan: Understand the need, but not comfortable that it is not be decided until after the grade is posted.

Andy: Wouldn't students be more motivated if they thought they had a chance for a decent grade rather than committing to the pass/fail early on.

Dan: Not in support of the late day (3 days after grades) Why not the withdrawal deadline?

Gail: We don't know what might happen between week 6/7 and week 10.

Andy: Also, the withdrawal deadline isn't as stuck in students' heads as the grade-due date.

Ke: Is this just for this quarter?

Gail: Suggest approving for Spring and then adding it to the charges for next year.

Ke: I support this if it's just an emergency measure. Against it as a long-term policy.

Josh: How long are we approving this for? How long is it in effect for?

Andy moved to accept the policy as provisional policy for Spring Quarter 2020. Megan seconded and motion passed. Ayes: 6 Nay: 1 Abstentions: 0

Send it to Senate and ask for Feedback.

b. Charge 13. Mandatory Midterm Feedback(?)

Gail: Mandatory Mid-term feedback. Best practices, and many institutions implement it. But most of those are semester schools where there is time to do that. Harder to do on the quarter system. Is there a way to use Early Alert to do this in a way to communicate this?

Andy moved that we revisit this at a meeting where we've got Rose, Aaron Brown, and Carolyn Thurston.

Dan: There are a lot of classes that only have a midterm and a final. A lot of classes won't have any grades in the 3rd week, if that's the time frame. We should take the Early Alert system and expand on that.

Gail: Faculty have concerns that Early Alert doesn't do anything.

Old Business

a. Charge 12: Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure – Moved to a future agenda.

Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:
April 9, 2020**