

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

March 9, 2023 3:10—5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Andy, Julia Stringfellow, Taralynn Petrites, Cody Stoddard, Eric Foch, Rose Spodobalski-Brower, Melody Madlem. (Gail Mackin and Joey Bryant at 4:00)

This meeting's note taker was Melody Madlem

1. Call meeting to order

2. Changes to agenda

3. Approval of [February 23 meeting minutes](#)

Approved

4. Chair report

- Tennecia Dacass will be unable to attend AAC meetings for the remainder of the year.
 - Andy will check with Janet Shields to see if Tennecia should be temporarily replaced on the committee for the remainder of the year.
- AA degree policy:
 - A [summary of this committee's comments and concerns](#) was sent to Curriculum Committee
 - Curriculum committee met last week and approved a version of the policy
 - Curriculum Committee has not yet shared the policy they approved

5. New Business

- Charge 7: Academic Forgiveness

Explore the benefits and drawbacks of an expanded academic forgiveness policy (CWUP 5-90-38) or an “academic bankruptcy” policy at CWU. Make recommendations as appropriate.

Timeline: Spring Quarter.

The current academic forgiveness policy might not be responsive enough to address emergency situations such as global pandemics. Would an academic bankruptcy policy contribute to student success at CWU? See attachments for examples of this type of policy from other universities. Other solutions can also be considered, such as exceptions for students who attended during COVID-19 years, and/or retroactive declarations of Emergency Pass/Fail Grades (see CWUP 5-90-20).

- See [example from U. Wisconsin-Parkside](#)
- [Email from Provost Council](#), with links to other examples
 - The Committee discussed necessity of policy since we already have a mechanism in place (EP/EF during COVID)
 - Restrictions on timeline were discussed; last 5-years? First “X” credits?
 - The committee questioned how long one can leave without just coming back.
 - We also questioned the goal of having a cap on GPA.
 - Also questioned all previous credits or just “cherry pick” the credits to forgive.
 - The committee also did not like the term “Academic Bankruptcy.”
 - Andy will update the committee with any additional information.

- Amber Darting will also either attend a meeting or provide information to the committee.

6. Old Business

- Charge 4: Disruptive Behavior
 - Joey Bryant and Gail Mackin will visit as consultants.
 - Academic policy needs to be consistent with [Student Conduct Code - WAC 106-125](#)
 - Refer to [policy approved by AAC and FS in 2021, with comments by Carolyn Thurston](#)
 - AAC passed policy in 2021, Faculty Senate approved, UPAC held it up. It languished for a year, and now we are asked to revisit.
 - Andy stated that the problem is overlap where there is disagreement.
 - The policy may be streamlined to refer to student policy or at least make it mesh with student policy.
 - When asked what we need to pay attention to, Gail Mackin said that Student Success should be responding to faculty concerns.
 - The student conduct code is fine, but has not responded to faculty concerns. There is a need to make sure both student code and faculty code are not in conflict.
 - Possible update policy for both.
 - Joey stated that there is a challenge in applying the code.
 - Sanctioning is the problem. There are hinderances in removing a student from class.
 - Faculty can do this, but that is not clearly defined.
 - Faculty should let the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities know ASAP if there is a problem; his office has rights of trespass, and it may involve campus police.
 - Once a student is removed and/or student been reported, what obligations/rights do faculty have?
 - The Committee asked about what responsibilities faculty have to provide make-up work for students that have been removed from class, at what point does the process go to student rights, and what documentation is needed? Also, who makes decisions about things like assaults? When does student conduct council come into play?
 - Academic appeals are different that academic behavior appeals.
 - A point was raised about due process for students, and if that should happen immediately or is something set up on an emergent basis?
 - Gail, Joey, and Andy will meet to construct a flow chart to help better clarify the processes and roles pertinent to this policy.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: **March 23, 2023?** Since this is over break, do we plan to meet March 30?

Respectfully submitted on March 13, 2023 by Melody Madlem