

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
April 13, 2023 3:10—5:00 p.m.
Minutes

This meeting's note taker is Eric Foch

1. Call meeting to order
 - a. Present: Andy Piacsek, Bob Hickey, Josh Welsh, Cody Stoddard, Mel Madlem, Peter Klosterman, Jason Knirck, Wendy Cook, Amber Darting, Taralynn Petrites, Mike Gimlin
2. Changes to agenda
 - a. No changes or changes
3. Approval of March 30 minutes
 - a. Move: Mel. Second: Eric. Passed
4. Chair report
 - a. Update on Departmental Honors (charge 1)
 - a. Andy reached out to Curriculum Committee
 - b. Update on Student account holds (charge 3)
 - a. Will place our charge on hold until the Registrar completes their own analysis of student charges by early summer. AAC will table this for next year.
 - c. Update on Disruptive Behavior (charge 4)
 - a. Flowchart and notes available for review
 - b. Feedback received from Provost Office and Joey Bryant was that a lot of our procedure overlaps and may contradict in some cases with the way disruptive behavior is currently dealt with. Can we create a scenario called exclusion where students are still attending class while the case is being investigated.
5. New Business
 - a. Charge 10: S/U courses
 - a. Amber D. and Peter K. indicated we should clarify wording that two types of S/U courses exist:
 - i. A course that only requires attendance and should only be graded S/U.
 - ii. A course on an S/U basis that extends beyond attendance would need more distinction if the graded A-F option is possible. From Cody, "written course agreement (e.g. permit to study, course syllabus, etc)."
 1. Western Carolina has a clear definition on when it is appropriate to grade a course S/U versus A-F.

2. Andy and Bob will work on CWU policy wording offline.

6. Old Business

a. Charge 7: Academic Forgiveness

- a. Amber Darting will reach out to see if students coming back would qualify for financial aid.
 - i. The policy has not been updated in at least two decades.
 - ii. Major classes contribute to cumulative GPA but there is a major GPA
- b. Current Academic Forgiveness policy is written as a fix to correct to prior low GPA but does nothing to the credits.
 - i. Retro-active W+
- c. Andy suggests: Maintain 5 years away at least before coming back, Not having any period to prove themselves, only grades less than a specific threshold e.g. < C- would be forgiven (not used in calculation of cumulative GPA),

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 27, 2023