

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

May 11, 2023

3:10—5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Eric Foch will preside over the meeting in Andy's absence.

This meeting's note taker is Cody Stoddard

Present: Bob Hickey, Josh Welsh, Eric Foch, Melody Madlem, Wendy Cook

1. Meeting called to order at 3:15pm
2. Changes to agenda
3. Approval of April 27 minutes: BH moved, JW seconded, motion carries (WC abstained)
4. Chair report (none)
5. New Business (none)
6. Old Business
 - Charge 10: S/U courses
 - Reviewed draft policy, revised by Bob Hickey per AAC discussion 4/13/23
 - Minor revision of wording conducted by the committee
 - Motion to approve (BH), Second (JW); motion carries with no opposition
 - Charge 7: Academic Forgiveness
 - Review draft policy, revised per discussion 4/13/23
 - ⇒ Bob: Academic Forgiveness policy was problematic in many areas. Conducted a full revision to align with prior discussion by committee.
 - ⇒ Idea the all grades below C- converted to W. Drop some of the other requirements/barriers. Idea is to give a 'clean slate' approach for students coming back. Helps students and should not have negative impacts on the institution.
 - ⇒ Goal is simplicity and ease of second chance for students
 - ⇒ Eric: C- vs. C – some majors may require C to pass or continue in a program. A clear of policy of below C- may be problematic for some majors
 - ⇒ Bob: Not the general intent – students would need to retake these courses as this is dictated by the departments. More focused on General Education/Cumulative GPA. Focus is on academic forgiveness. Goal is not to impact major requirements
 - ⇒ Josh: does this target all classes/or only classes below C-
 - ⇒ Bob: intent is to impact just the course below C-. Help to create a clean slate.
 - ⇒ Peter: do we want to keep some grades even if below C-. For example, D in some classes – students may want to keep.
 - ⇒ Bob: Idea is to keep the process simple. Streamline the process and simplify the process. There are arguments to set different baselines. But need to select something.
 - ⇒ Wendy: could be that some may want the D as they would still earn credit. Could be problematic for students who want the credit.

- ⇒ Bob: focus would be on the GPA – students with under a C- would have difficulty maintaining a GPA to graduate and to avoid academic issues (e.g, good standing). Hence, below C- is a logical base point for conversation to W.
 - ⇒ Mel: do we want to entertain allowing the student to select which class
 - ⇒ Bob: Simplicity is the focus of this wording. Students could always choose not to use this policy if they want to retain D.
 - ⇒ Peter: wording would not be too difficult language wise.
 - ⇒ Bob: While language would be easy -- process for implementing this would be more complicated.
 - ⇒ Bob/Josh/Eric: U, NC, and other such grades wouldn't need to be accounted for – as they provide no credit. Incompletes would not need to be accounted for due to the 5 year away requirement (incompletes revert to F after one year)
 - ⇒ Eric: Board of Academic Appeals seems to be the right destination group for this decision.
- Move to approve (Josh), Second (Eric) → Motion carries – no opposition

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 25, 2023