

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

May 25, 2023

3:10—5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present:

- Rose Spodobalski-Brower, Andy Piacsek, Wendy Cook, Bob Hickey, Arturo Torres, Peter Klosterman, Cody Stoddard, Eric Foch, Josh Welsh

This meeting's note taker is Melody Madlem.

1. Call meeting to order: Andy
2. Changes to agenda
3. Approval of May 11 minutes,
 - Bob Move, Eric Second. Approved
4. Chair report
 - [End-of-year report](#) has been submitted to Faculty Senate
 - Send comments to Andy.
 - Disposition of Charge 1: Departmental Honors
 - Curriculum Policy and not AAC
5. New Business (none)
6. Old Business
 - Charge 8: ADI requirement
 - Motion to table: Mel motion to table; Bob Second. Tabled.
 - New committee next year. Take up next year with new committee.
 - Charge 7: Academic forgiveness
 - Revise [draft approved 5/11](#) to address concerns about converting grades to W
 - Representatives from Registrar's office will be in attendance
 - Rose and Arturo discussed: Converting to "W" conflicts with other policy; doesn't eliminate the grade, just doesn't count. It toward cum GPA; no manipulation of the historical record—can just. Apply academic forgiveness in the transcript. Some "D" grades do count, so conversion. To "W" might negatively impact; Currently have special code; GPA not applied. Current. Code of "AF or academic forgiveness.
 - Bob suggests change language to AF applied, then we might be okay.
 - Rose: Instead of 5 years, cut it down to 3 years. Andy: Rationale—opportunity to mature so changes in student. Might result in success.
 - Cody: Are there things that come out in the petition process? Arturo: Not. Many. They. Are denied because of time. Rose: Earn 45 credits and earn 3.5.
 - Bob: Either let them come back or don't. Setting up standards seems punitive. Just give one chance, not qualified.

- Peter: balancing act. In light of COVID, we might have a surge of forgiveness appeals.
- Wendy: Adults will have to wait?
- Bob moved to make it 4 years. No second.
- EF grades do not count toward GPA
- Mel motion to approve as amended, Bob second. Motion passed.
- Charge 4: Disruptive Behavior in Academic Settings
 - Review [revised draft policy](#) that addresses recommendations from OSRR
 - Items 1-5 editorially changed.
 - Item 6: Faculty have the ultimate right to say that a students must not be in the class.
 - Warning, dismissal, continued disruption, egregious after dismissal, exclusion. All progressive discipline. Faculty get to decide.
 - OSRR mediates and works through processes with student and faculty.
 - Expulsion has been removed.
 - Bob: C3, add directly and solely... Harassment is dealt with separately. Academic things are dealt with solely...
 - Cody: Could C3 prevent faculty. From responding to things outside classroom things? Andy...other things that encourage communication are there.
 - Peter: Faculty will or must? Cody: Shall? Normal communication standards...
 - Wendy: Student can expect faculty to answer questions related to course content...?
 - The classroom is the only place where faculty have total authority. There are other mechanisms for egregious behaviors.
 - The WAC specifies disciplinary actions.
 - Motion to approve, Mel...second Bob. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment