

Minutes: Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

26 October 2023 (3:10 – 5:00 PM)

Meeting Notetaker: Francesco Somaini

Present: Cody Stoddard, Eric Foch, Josh Welsh, Bob Hickey, Wendy Cook, Jason Knirck, Julia Stringfellow, Francesco Somaini, Tennecia Dacass, Rose Spodobalski-Brower

1. Call the meeting to order **at 3:12 p.m.**
2. Changes to the agenda: **None; agenda approved.**
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. 25 May 2023 meeting (not enough 2022-23 AAC members present to make a quorum for a vote): **No action.**
 - b. 12 October 2023 meeting: **Minutes approved.**
4. Chair report
 - a. Waiting on getting feedback from **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Chair Andrea Eklund** regarding where/who changed our spring draft of CWUP 5-90-040 (38), 5a below
 - b. Waiting on a response from Joey Bryant and Dr. Ortega regarding disruptive behavior in academic settings (Charge AAC23-24.03): **Neither has answered yet—perhaps because CWUP 5-90-080 is not in the current university policy.**
 - c. Reached out to ADI committee co-chairs Cynthia Pengilly, Janet Calderon
 - i. Update academic policy for changes in new ADI graduation requirement.
 - ii. ADI committee will take the lead.
5. Old Business
 - a. Charge AAC23-24.01
 - i. Clarify CWUP 5-90-040 (38). Can courses with a grade of D be used towards the 180-credit graduation requirement if those courses have been denoted as forgiven thorough the academic forgiveness process? **Timeline:** Fall Quarter.
 - ii. Policy AAC was provided for 2023-24 did not reflect entirely the policy we left off on in Spring of 2023 (Bob's edits included)

Discussion: The goal of this policy is to avoid situations in which a student comes back to CWU to pursue a degree after five years and is on probation from the get-go. Waiting to receive clarifications from Senate Chair Eklund about the fact that the text of the policy sent to the AAC with Charge AAC23-20.01 is not that which the AAC had amended at the end of AY 2022-2023.

Action: The AAC retrieved the text submitted to the FSEC last year and amended it to include the language the AAC crafted and adopted in its first meeting of AY 2023-2024. Bob moved to approve. Francesco seconded. Modification approved unanimously.

b. Charge AAC23-24.03

i. Revise proposed policy regarding student conduct in academic settings.

Proposed policy CWUP 5-90-080/CWUR 2-90-080

1. Consider paired down process in academic setting along with referencing other campus policies that are already in place (student rights and responsibility process, [WAC 106-125-020](#)).
2. Needs to give faculty the ability and authority to address misconduct in class in a specific way but not “police” student behavior.

ii. CWUP 5-90-80 is no longer in Academic Policy

Discussion: Senior AAC members recall that CWUP 5-90-080 was written by the AAC in 2021 but was never integrated in university policy because the University Policy Advisory Council (UPAC) rejected it. The policy should now be on the radar of the new Washington State Assistant Attorney General and the new VP for Student Engagement and Success, Margaret Ortega.

Action: The AAC informally decides to share the original draft for CWUP 5-90-080 with the new Interim Provost, Kurt Kirstein, and the new VP for Student Engagement and Success, Margaret Ortega, asking them to offer detailed feedback about it. The AAC-FSEC liaison, Julia Stringfellow, and FSEC chair, Andrea Eklund are going to be copied in the correspondence. Meanwhile, Eric is going to reach out to the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Joseph Bryant, and VP Ortega.

6. Adjournment: **Meeting adjourned around 4:30 p.m.**

- a. Next meeting is 9 November 2023
- b. Thank you