

Academic Affairs Minutes
January 28, 2021

In Attendance: Wendy Cook, Eric Foch, Lori Braunstein, Andy Piacsek, Joshua Welsh, Ke Zhong, David Douglas, Gail Mackin, Rose Spodobalski-Brower, Michael Pease, Rachel Medalia (Student Rep)

Guest:

Kelsey Henry

Absent:

Taralynn Petrites, Megan Matheson

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Motion: Andy moved for acceptance of January 14, 2021 minutes. Approved.

Chair Updates: FS Chair Elvin Delgado wants us to move the plagiarism charge higher in order of our charges; will discuss this at another meeting.

Old Business: Josh wants to reserve last 30 minutes of our meeting to discuss charges other than Disruptive Behavior, so we make progress on other charges.

New Business:

- Began discussing disruptive behavior policy, beginning with step 7.
- Lengthy discussion around the policy
 - Does the policy need to punish the student or deter the student from the behavior?
 - Gail recommended we align with the applicable WAC and recommended Josh speak with Joey Bryant.
- Discussed step 8.
- Discussed step 9.
 - Worked to change language to reflect language in Nos. 7 & 8
 - Lots of wordsmithing occurred
 - Discussion concerning who is the decision-maker of both “exclusion” and “expulsion.”
 - Should initial decisions be made by faculty or by Student Success?
 - Can students appeal both exclusions and expulsions?
- Josh asked us to speak to stakeholder about where we might house an appeal committee. Could it be the Academic Appeals Standing Committee through Student Success?
- Discussed Charge 5b (Syllabus)
 - Liked the concept, but who will keep policies updated?
 - Can faculty still have their own version and/or wording?
 - Seems to be an implementation issue rather than a policy issue, which is already defined in 05-90-040.
 - Discussed using an attestation statement on Canvas each quarter
 - Perhaps return this charge back to FSEC about whether we need a policy or FSEC can work on implementation of the current policy?

Will continue discussing Disruptive Behavior Policy at next meeting on February 11, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m

Submitted by Lori Braunstein