

Academic Affairs Committee
September 10, 2020
Minutes

Present: Josh Welsh (chair), Andy Piacsek (note taker), Lori Braunstein, Ke Zhong, Eric Foch, Taralynn Petrites, Wendy Cook, David Douglas, Michael Pease, and Gail Mackin

Minutes from 5/21/20

Andy moved to pass, Eric seconded --> passed

Status of charges from spring 2020

- Student behavior appeal process - passed by Senate
- (missed the others)

Introductions

Meeting dates

Question whether we will meet on scheduled date of December 3. That can serve as a "snow date" (if we need more time to catch up). No issue with other dates

Charges

Question about the wording of charges: Each charge starts with "Consider..." Andy: Does this mean that this committee can decide not to pursue a particular charge? David: Yes, this is standard wording for all FS committees.

AAC20-21.01 Consider revising policy language about the option to make an anti-racist and/or a race and ethnicity graduation requirement for undergraduate students.

Discussion about what conditions AAC should take this up and the likely timeline. Andy expressed skepticism about adding policy about graduation requirements without specifics of the new proposed requirement. Suggestion that we can borrow from similar practice elsewhere.

Charges #2 and #3 relate to Emergency pass/fail options that were passed last year

AAC20-21.04 revising the admissions criteria for first-year students to make the SAT/ACT optional.

AAC20-21.05 working on the language for policy 5-90-80 regarding Disruptive Behavior in academic settings.

AAC20-21.06 updating the Transfer Admission Policy. **Apparently current policy is outdated; need to be streamlined so that we can get more transfer students.**

AAC20-21.07 creation of a statute of limitations for accepting transfer credits.

AAC20-21.08 explore the potential benefits and drawbacks of creating a consistent set of statements that can be located in an online repository that faculty members can include in the syllabus by adding a link.

Andy suggested having students actively check some online boxes (similar to COVID attestation) at the beginning of each quarter.

AAC20-21.09 Consider developing a policy and/or procedure for placing, communicating, and managing holds on student accounts. **Discussion: what would effect of new policy be on existing holds? (Gail says there are currently over 130 different holds) Mike mentioned that ADCO (dept. chairs) recently reviewed some holds.**

AAC20-21.10 reviewing the policy about prior learning requirement.

AAC20-21.11 Develop a set of procedures to mirror CWUP 5-90-060 outlining the process of creating, reorganizing, and renaming academic units. (Note: this does not begin with "consider")

AAC20-21.12 Consider revisions to warning/probation/suspension policy/procedure and craft modifications of policy/procedure to reflect these revisions. There are currently some inconsistencies and loopholes. **Gail described an example of a student being denied graduation due to being on probation, despite meeting other requirements.**

AAC20-21.13 revisions to the academic dishonesty policy (CWUP 5-90-040(22)) and procedure to clarify the process overall and for appeals.

AAC20-21.14 developing university policy or procedure to ensure departmental policies on plagiarism and other behaviors are consistent with the student conduct code, WAC, and FERPA. **CWU may be liable if this is not enforced consistently.**

AAC20-21.15 Review committee procedures manual and update as required.

Discussion of Charge 2:

- Andy moved to add "in consultation with FSEC" between "Provost" and "may authorize"
- Lori moved to change "campus emergency" to "university emergency"
- Language was added to indicate that emergency authorization of EF/EP shall apply for only one academic term (designated by the Provost).
- More language was added to say that additional terms for the implementation of EF/EP shall require separate authorizations.