

Minutes

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
Sept 24, 2020 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Josh Welsh, Wendy Cook, Eric Foch, Mike Pease, Lori Braunstein, Megan Matheson, Taralynn Petrites, Andy Piacsek, Ke Zhong, Glen (ASL Interpreter), and David Douglas

1. Call meeting to order

2. Approval of Sept 10, 2020 minutes, Eric moved to approve, Wendy seconded.....approved

3. Chair Updates –

Andy gave an update on Charge one and said that he is awaiting an update on what are role will be with this moving forward. Mike Pease stated this charge was brought up in ADCO. Mike stated that he believes this should be with curriculum and AAC. Gail shared that this is something that students want to see happen and conversations have surrounded making this more than just about a curriculum change.

4. Old Business

- a. AAC20-21.02 Consider making the Emergency Pass/Emergency Fail option for students in emergency situations permanent

The Emergency Pass/Emergency Fail (EP/EF) grading option for students was created as a temporary grading option during the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring 2020 quarter. Consider whether to make the EP/EF grading option a permanent grade option that is only available under very specific circumstances. Any policy language should stipulate (a) under which circumstances this grade option will be made available to students; (b) a process to decide when this grade option should no longer be available to students; and (c) who will make the decision to enable or disable this grading option. Please work with Gail Mackin to determine the potential long-term impacts that the EP/EF option might have on students.

- b. AAC20-21.03 Consider revising the language used in Catalog for EP/EF grade option to address situations when a faculty member is going to submit a grade change for an Incomplete. Timeline: Fall Quarter.

Josh explained that his belief is this is to be used for students who are required to take an online course when they would normally be in an on-campus course. Discussion by several members surrounding the meaning for the P/F option and how it is applied. Eric suggested using an “I” instead of an EP/EF at the end of the quarter. Giving the student the option of completing the work or utilizing the EP/EF at a later date if they choose. Discussion by members about Eric’s idea. Wordsmithing of policy/procedure happened to include the “I” option and subsequent actions needed. Review of the “I” option was reviewed. Josh added draft language to the “I” policy to adapt adding in the EP/EF option. Discussion among members on the varying ways adding this option could affect this option.

MOTION: Accept policy changes or charge 1-3 as amended. Voted.....passed unanimously.

5. New Business

- a. AAC20-21.04 Consider revising the admissions criteria for first-year students to make the SAT/ACT optional. **Timeline:** Fall Quarter

Review of charge with changes added from Admissions. Discussion about the history of this requested change over the last year from different entities. Group discussion after reading the proposed changes. Suggested language changes made within policy to improve flow and read of policy.

Review of policy will continue at next meeting after Josh cleans up what we have done thus far and gets some feedback from Josh on the appeals section.

7. Adjournment

**Next Meeting:
October 8, 2020**