

Academic Affairs Committee

Draft Minutes
October 12, 2017

Present: Rodney Bransdorfer, Clem Ehoff, Janet Finke, Christos Graikos, Ke Zhong, Eric Bennett, Julia Stringfellow, Walter Szgelia
Absent: Dan Lipori, David Martin, Lindsey Brown
Guests: Dawn Varnum, Cody Stoddard, Richard DeShields

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

September 28, 2017 minutes were approved as presented.

Chair Updates

a. Interdisciplinary Programs Policy

Janet indicated that Dan has been in contact with some of the directors. Some of them will be coming to the Nov. 9 meeting.

Old business

None

New Business

a. 5-90-050 Graduation Requirements

Lindsey provided some potential changes and questions about UNIV 101. This was emailed out to the committee and discussed at the next meeting. Richard indicated that Student Success would like the course because of the Title IX training and student involvement pieces.

b. Charge 2

Rodney met with Michael Johnson, chair of World Languages & Cultures. Michael is working with Gail Mackin, who has come up with draft language herself on the foreign language requirement. Rodney has scheduled a meeting with Gail to find out what she has been working on.

One suggestion is to take out Basic Skill Language Admission requirement and specific remediation if the students don't have the admission requirement, and then also state this in the graduation requirements. The BS and BAS don't always require a foreign language for admission. The BAS was approved with the specific language that it does not require foreign language.

Rodney will bring the suggested language to the next meeting after he meets with Gail Mackin.

c. Charge 17-18.09 - Syllabus policy language.

Put in language as "such as" with ADA and Diversity statement. Rodney moved to delete the words "such as" from the ADA statement policy. Clem seconded. (Withdrawn)

Rodney moved to remove the ADA statement and all "Every syllabus must include the current ADA from the Office of Disability Services." Eric seconded. Approved.

d. *17-18.10 - Diversity statement*

Administration feels there should be a standard statement, rather than a generic statement that could be used differently. Maybe use a statement provided from Diversity & Inclusivity. Walter will talk with Kandee Cleary and see if we can put in a similar statement as ADA and refer to a standard statement.

e. *Classroom behavior*

Supportive of language of student conduct policy, but still allow faculty to manage their own class, but supports through academic appeals. A statement that would go in the syllabus would need to address those issues but don't want to tread on faculty ability to manage their classroom. Richard provided some information. Classroom disruption is an example that would lead a student through warning or probation. Some faculty feel they should be dismissed. Academic Appeals then have to interpret what was meant by the statement on syllabi. Richard would like to meet with a faculty member and talk about the issues and thoughts and then let the committee craft something. Janet will meet with Richard and will try and bring something back to the committee at the next meeting.

Discussions for the next meeting:

Rodney - foreign language sample language

Janet - sample language on classroom behavior.

Lindsey - on UNIV 101.

Dan will be taking care of meeting with interdisciplinary directors.

Julia will bring something around GPA.

David - academic appeals process

Clem, Julia and Janet - academic freedom. Janet has looked at some information.

ADA diversity - talked about those.

Rodney asked that if anybody here has suggestions or recommendations for foreign language requirement. Particular place or wording. Janet felt it should be a graduation requirement for everyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.