

Minutes
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
May 25, 2017

Present: Clem Ehoff, Janet Finke, Christos Graikos, Dan Lipori, Danielle Neal, Lindsey Brown, Tim Englund
Absent: Rodney Bransdorfer, David Martin, Matt Altman, Wendy Cook

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. Minutes of May 11, 2017 were approved.

Chair Updates:

Dan recently met with Sathy and Cody. They didn't come up with any solutions but had some concerns about policies moving forward from this and other Senate committees, and then becoming stalled at other, higher levels. Not much has gotten done this year because of that. One concern is whether or not it will continue happening next year.

Tim suggested slightly changing the structure of the approval process. When things come out of AAC they go to EC and then to Provost Council, so why not make EC and Provost Council run parallel? Also, having an official document from the chair of the AAC sends out for the Provost Rep to take to the Provost Council would help with making communication more effective. Lindsey added that if policies went through Curriculog it would make it easier to keep track of where they are along the chain.

Dan indicated that no solutions were addressed in his meeting with Sathy and Cody, but we do need to be thinking about solutions. One possibility might be for things to come from the committees and then go to Senate and Provost Council at the same time.

Old Business:

a. *Chair Elections*

Janet nominated Dan; Danielle seconded and the nomination was approved.

b. *CWUP 5-90-020 Undergraduate Admission – discuss/vote*

Recent changes to the policy couldn't be voted last time due to no quorum present. Dan reviewed some of the changes, which included adding a new exam to the policy. Lindsey added that the IB added a few different exams and scores. On page two, a list for exemption from primary English-speaking countries was added. Janet moved to accept the policy as it is written. Danielle seconded. Motion approved.

New Business

a. *CWUP 5-90-050 (8) Graduation with Distinction & CWUP 5-90-050 (9) Other Distinctions*

Dan explained that the Provost would like the AAC to look at these policies. Specifically, should students be recognized if they have fewer than 75 credits but have a GPA of 3.5 or above? The Provost would like us to consider if students this year should be exempted. Also, do we want to revise the policy? Dan added that this is something that mostly affects transfer students from 4-year colleges. A similar issue regarding summer internships came up earlier in the year. Our question in response was should we be changing something for a small group of students?

Danielle indicated that there are three issues: the issue of making an exception this year; the issue of the students who are just under 75 credits; and the issue of the students who won't ever hit 75 credits. One possible exception could be if the transfer GPA and CWU GPA both meet the requirement, then they can graduate with honors, as opposed to just looking at their credits.

Janet suggested setting a limit of 45 credits for an exemption to the policy this year. Lindsey

indicated by doing that, an additional 46 students would be allowed honors. However, the programs for this year have already been sent to the printer.

Dan asked for suggestions for changing the policy for the future. Danielle suggested changing 75 credits to 45, but Lindsey pointed out that residency credits for majors is 10 credits, so that would need to be considered. Tim added that it's not uncommon to see 16-credit internships that are S/U, which is ungraded. Dan suggested saying "graded credits," or adding in spring quarter credits but without the GPA. The big thing is deciding on a number of credits and when the calculation should occur. Lindsey indicated that adding spring quarter credits would only involve modifying a spreadsheet. Danielle pointed out that for now, possibly the best thing to do would be making an exception to add in spring credits and then look deeper into the policy later.

Dan and Tim agreed with saying 45 graded credits – some majors are 45 credits. Tim added that 45 graded credits means the student has been here for a year and we have some data on them. They didn't just come here for student teaching or an internship. Danielle agreed; however, calculation should be at the end of winter. Lindsey suggested changing the numbers to three decimal places for rounding because students challenge it as it's currently written. Also, the policy can be confusing as it reads (8), then (9), A, B, C, and so on. It should be changed to be easier. Danielle suggested getting rid of the numbers and just saying A, B, C....

Dan will write up the changes to the policy and email it to everyone for a vote. For now we are making a recommendation, which will also be voted via email.

c. Meetings next year

The meeting on the fifth Thursdays in November and May are in order to avoid meeting during finals week. Location will be confirmed later.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: Oct. 12, 2017, 3:30 p.m. (Location TBA)

2017-18 Meeting Dates:

Fall Quarter

October 12

October 26

November 9

November 30

Winter Quarter

January 11

January 25

February 8

February 22

March 8

Spring Quarter

March 29

April 12

April 26

May 10

May 24