

**FACULTY SENATE
ANNUAL
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

*2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
Prepared for the Central Washington University Faculty Senate*

Faculty Senate Committee: Academic Affairs

Committee Chair:

Joshua Welsh – CAH

Committee Representation:

- Members:
 - Lori Braunstein (through March) - CEPS
 - Wendy Cook - CB
 - Eric Foch – CEPS
 - Megan Matheson – COTS
 - Taralynn Petrites – CAH
 - Andy Piacsek – COTS
 - Ke Zhong – CB

- Ex Officio Members
 - David Douglas – Faculty Senate EC
 - Gail Mackin – Provosts Office
 - Rose Spodobalski-Brower – Registrar
 - Michael Pease – ADCO

- Student Representative
 - Rachel Medalia

- Guests
 - Glen Petrites (ASL interpreter)
 - Christy Camarata (ASL interpreter)
 - Kelsy Haney (Student Shadow)
 - Walter Szeliga

Committee Charges

The following table summarizes the work of the AAC committee over the past academic year. Note that charges AAC20-21.13 and AAC20-21.14 may be on the Senate Agenda during the final meeting of the year.

Charge	Charge Title	FS Motion No.	Status
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.		pending
AAC20-21.02	Consider making the Emergency Pass/Emergency Fail option for students in emergency situations permanent.	20-11	Passed Senate 4-Nov-20
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.	20-11	Passed Senate 4-Nov-20
AAC20-21.04	Consider revising the admissions criteria for first-year students to make the SAT/ACT optional.	20-15	Passed Senate 13-Jan-21
AAC20-21.05	Continue working on the language for policy 5-90-80 regarding Disruptive Behavior in academic settings.	20-38	Passed Senate 7-April-21
AAC20-21.06	Consider updating the Transfer Admission Policy	20-16	Passed Senate 13-Jan-21
AAC20-21.07	Consider the creation of a statute of limitations for accepting transfer credits.		AAC discussed this charge and made a recommendation to the EC against making policy changes.
AAC20-21.08	Consider exploring 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.		AAC discussed this charge and made a recommendation to the EC against making policy changes. Instead, the chair is working with Multi-Modal Learning to develop a canvas resource to meet this need.
AAC20-21.09	Consider developing a policy and/or procedure for placing, communicating, and managing holds on student accounts.		We were not able to address this charge this year.
AAC20-21.10	Consider reviewing the policy about prior learning requirement.		We were not able to address this charge this year.

Charge	Charge Title	FS Motion No.	Status
AAC20-21.11	Develop a set of procedures (CWUR 2-90-060) to mirror CWUP 5-90-060 outlining the process of creating, reorganizing, and renaming academic units.		We were not able to address this charge this year.
AAC20-21.12	Consider revisions to warning/probation/suspension policy/procedure and craft modifications of policy/procedure to reflect these revisions.		Pending. Working with stakeholders to create policy proposal.
AAC20-21.13	Consider revisions to the academic dishonesty policy (CWUP 5-90-040(22)) and procedure to clarify the process overall and for appeals.		Pending. Passed AAC on 11 April 2021.
AAC20-21.14	Consider developing university policy or procedure to ensure departmental policies on plagiarism and other behaviors are consistent with the student conduct code, WAC, and FERPA.		Pending. Passed AAC on 11 April 2021.
AAC20-21.15	Review committee procedures manual and update as required.		Pending.
AAC Unnumbered Charge. Reverse Transfer Policy	Update Reverse Transfer Credit Policy	20-17	Passed Senate 13-Jan-21

Report on the Activities of the Committee:

Meeting Dates and Times (Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Fall Quarter:

September 10

September 24

October 8

October 22

November 12

Winter Quarter

January 14
January 28
February 11
February 25
March 11

Spring Quarter

April 8
April 22
May 13
May 27

Minutes

(Posted to the Web)

Motions

See table above.

Items of Interest

Successes

Members of the committee worked diligently under difficult circumstances to collaborate on policy. The committee developed a method for collectively authoring policy language using shared documents and virtual meetings. In some cases, distance work may have slowed down the productivity of the committee, but overall the committee managed to deal with a fairly large number of charges over the course of the year.

As the table above shows, many of our charges were passed on the Senate floor. In a small number of cases, the problem represented by a charge did not seem best solved by policy additions or changes. In those cases, we made non-policy recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Concerns

Like other Senate committees, AAC remains without dedicated administrative support. We hope that funding for support personnel can be improved in coming years.

Recommendations

- Create a charge for the Fall quarter to complete work on revisions to the Academic Warning/Suspension/Probation policy.
- Create a charge to continue working with the ADI taskforce on academic policy.

- Create a charge to consider developing a policy and/or procedure for placing, communicating, and managing holds on student accounts.