CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
Academic Standards Committee

MINUTES
2nd Meeting – November 18, 2014
3:05pm-4:05pm Blue and White Room, Student Center

Members present:
• Daniel D’Addio (Music)
• Mary D’Ambrosio (Journalism)
• Frédéric Latour, Vice-Chair (Math)
• Ned Moore (Engineering)
• Rachel Schwell, Chair (Math)
• James Mulrooney (SEST)
• Patrick Tucker (Registrar)
• Richard Roth (CLASS)
• Cristina Higham (SOB)
• Kate McGrath (History)
• Mary McCarthy (Accounting)
• John O’Connor (Sociology)
• Harold Vedeler (History)

Guests Present
• None

Call to order: The second meeting of the Academic Standards Committee of the 2014-2015 academic year was called to order by Dr. Schwell at 3:05 PM.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from the September 16, 2014 meeting. Motion (Schwell/Latour) to approve the minutes from the September 2014.
   • Voted all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
2. Bylaw updates
   • Proposal (Latour) The committee bylaws must be updated to reflect the creation of the School of Engineering, Science, and Technology (SEST). A) School of Technology must be replaced by new school, and the makeup of the committee must be adjusted to reflect the change in size the various schools. Happily, several committee members moved to the new school, and so the current balance is basically correct. Traditionally, the number of committee members is equal to the number of departments divided by three, rounded up. Thus there should be six faculty members from the CLASS and 4 from the SEST.
   • Roth: in Section I, bullet 1 there is a reference to “faculty”. We should specify that both administrative and teaching faculty can be members. Move to amend proposal to specify faculty as members of AAUP or SWOAF-AFSCME. Mulrooney seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.
   • McGrath: in Section I, bullet 3, the registrar and director of admissions are described as non-voting. Do we agree that this is reasonable?
     • Roth: Deans vote on this committee because the must implement the decisions, and so should have a voice.
     • Mulrooney: a similar argument can be made for the Registrar and Dean of Admissions.
• Motion (Mulrooney/Roth) to separate bullet three into two sections. The Registrar and the Director of Admissions shall be described as ex-officio and voting. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall maintain status as ex-officio and non-voting. Voted all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.
• Motion (Mulrooney/McGrath) to make changes to bylaws as described above (name change, distribution of committee slots, voting rights for Registrar and Dean of Admissions, specification of teaching faculty unions) Voted all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.

3. Business School entrance requirement change
• Proposal (McCarthy) The School of Business (SOB) would like to change the requirements for full admission their school. STAT 201 shall be replaced by MC207 (Business communications). Community colleges don’t typically offer STAT 201 and so this is a challenge for transfer students, whereas most CC’s offer MC207. STAT 201 is still a graduation requirement.
  • Schwell: Mark Jackson was concerned that this might introduce a “hidden” requirement, but as these courses were both already required, this doesn’t seem to be an issue.
  • Tucker: We should alert the departments offering these courses for the purposes of adjusting course offerings.
• Motion (Roth/Mulrooney) to pass the proposal as introduced. Voted all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.

4. Modification to elections to the Committee on Academic Standards
• Proposal (Latour) The elections for this committee are handled by the Dean’s office of each school. This is somewhat anomalous as most other committees have their elections handled by the Senate elections committee. It is a historical artifact. The Senate elections committee has technology that can handle electing members by schools.
  • Latour: Do any of the Deans appoint members to the committee?
    ◊ No members present from SEPS, other members from other schools reported that their schools held elections.
• Motion (Latour / Schwell) to recommend that the election of members of the committee by conducted by the faculty election committee beginning in Spring 2015. Voted all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.

5. Bachelor’s degree in General Studies (Mulrooney) [No proposal presented. Informational only]
• Introduction (Mulrooney) The provost has encouraged me to create a Bachelor’s of General Studies degree here at CCSU. I am revising an old proposal and hope to bring it to the next meeting. The benefits are that we have a surprising number of students with nearly enough credits to graduate, but no clear major. We currently lose those students to Charter Oak.
  • Tucker – There have been about 1000 students in the last 10 years who were with 20 credits of meeting the credit total requirement who failed to graduate.
  • Latour – How many upper-level classes will be required
    ◊ Mulrooney. There is a section in the proposal on this. It will vary somewhat by school.
  • D’Addio – we have something similar for music majors who can’t get into performance or education majors, but some students are now electing to get this degree.
    ◊ Mulrooney – we will make sure that the major does not sound as appealing as a regular degree.
    ◊ Mulrooney – discontinuing your general degree and pushing them into general studies may alleviate this problem.
6. Motion (Schwell/Moore) for adjournment. Voted all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed. The second meeting of the Academic Standards Committee of the 2014-2015 academic year was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Moore, Secretary