Academic Standards Committee Minutes

April 21, 2015

Members in attendance:
Mary Pat Bigley (SEPS)
Monique Durant (Accounting)
Larry Hall (Admissions)
Frédéric Latour, Vice-Chair (Math)
Jason Melnyk (PEHP)
John O’Connor (Sociology)
Rachel Schwell, Chair (Math)
Patrick Tucker (Registrar)
Harold Vedeler (History)
Daniel D’Addio (Music)
Richard Roth (CLASS)
Mary McCarthy (Accounting)

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Election of officers for 2015-2016 academic year.
   Fred Latour nominated for chair, Dan D’Addio for vice-chair, and Monique Durant for secretary.
   Motion to close nominations (Roth/Schwell)
   Voted all in favor, none opposed.

4. Revised proposal of 120-credit graduation requirement (change to affect students graduating in Fall 2015 or later, rather than matriculating in Fall 2015 or later).
   Clarification: students matriculating Fall 2015 or later may move into new version of a program requirement. Current policy allows students to move into a newer version of policy/program if it is advantageous.

   Response from Academic Standards: After reviewing existing academic policies (Residence Requirement for Degree in 14-15 Undergraduate Catalogue) the Academic Standards Committee believes current implementation of the 120-credit graduation policy is consistent with existing policies.

   Motion to approve response (McGrath/Schwell). Passed.
5. Report from the PAL subcommittee: Currently partnered with what Charter Oak is doing with portfolios. A recommendation will be forthcoming in reference to portfolios and the general studies degree.

6. Academic Integrity Policy Change.

The Academic Integrity Committee chair has requested Faculty Senate approval for the following item. The President of the Senate has requested that we look at it before the Senate.

Provost Lovitt has asked the Academic Integrity Committee to review the current Disciplinary Procedures for Academic Misconduct in order to remove the provision (point 2d in the policy) that gives students the right to initiate a Grade Appeals Process, that is a continuation of Disciplinary Procedures for Academic Misconduct. (The current policy can be found here: http://web.ccsu.edu/academicintegrity/academicmisconductpolicy/default.asp.)
He and the AIC believe that the two processes should be kept independent of one another.

The Academic Standards committee discussed this request and determined that the policy is not under the jurisdiction of Academic Standards.

7. Motion to allow late addition of Dance program requirements to the agenda (approved). Discussion ensued concerning that dance technique courses were renamed skills courses. There was also discussion related to skill defining a specific set of criteria for dance skill courses. Motion to approve revised dance proposal (Bigley/D'Addio): Passed.

8. Other Business: Vice-Chair Latour moved that the committee approve the following resolution:

“Whereas, Professor Rachel Schwell performed her duties as Chair of the Academic Standards Committee for three years;

Whereas, Professor Schwell’s performance and dedication in her role as Chair have been exemplary;

Be it resolved, that the Academic Standards Committee thanks Professor Schwell for her excellent work and leadership.”

Resolution approved unanimously.

9. Motion to adjourn. Passed.