Academic Standards Meeting  
February 21, 2017  
Blue and White room in the Student Center

Members in Attendance: Aram Ayalon, Michael Bartone, Mary Pat Bigley, Rebecca Boncoddo, Drew Collins, Monique Durant, Paul Hapeman, Cristina Higham, Sadie Marjani, Edward Moore, Carmela Pesca, Rick Roth, Patrick Tucker, and Julie Schnobrich-Davis

Agenda:

1. Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes from October 18, 2016 without comment.

New Business:

1. Proposal to add a fourth degree award period following winter intersession in January. Modifications to catalog policies are hereby incorporated by reference.

   *Patrick Tucker:* For students seeking employment or admission to graduate school, this will ease their graduation. This will impact 20 – 40 students. Would impact undergrad students only, starting from the 2017 – 2018 academic year.

   Motion to discuss. Motion to approve, seconded. Voted – unanimous approval.

2. Proposal for students graduating December 2017 or after from programs that require more than 120 credits shall be grandfathered into the new total credit standard of 120 credits as long as they meet all degree requirements in place at the time of original matriculation. Proposal for Academic Standards Committee is hereby incorporated by reference.

   *Mary Pat Bigley:* Proposal that anyone who graduates starting December 2017 or later who has completed their original matriculation would benefit from this proposal. Would impact Education, Nursing, and Construction Management and any other program that is reducing to 120 credits. This would impact only the additional electives.

   Motion to discuss. The Committee entertained a friendly amendment to change the wording of the proposal to:

   *Students graduating December 2017 or after from programs that require more than 120 credits shall be permitted to graduate with the new total credit standard of 120 credits, regardless of matriculation date. Students are still required to meet all degree requirements in place at their time of matriculation.*
Moved to approve, seconded. Voted - unanimously approved.

3. Suggestion from the floor that we move to add a December graduation and a suggestion to resurrect a prior suggestion/resolution. Discussion included the possibility of holding the December graduation in Welte Hall.

No motions were made.

4. Online Learning Committee

Paul Hapeman, Representative of the Online Learning Committee: Online learning committee is piloting some online courses. Eventually all online courses will be reviewed through the Online Learning Committee. Currently there is a cap, and we are over the cap. The Online Learning Committee foresees the cap is going to be an issue. Guidelines need to be firmed up. Faculty training is needed. Online evaluations for online courses as well as on ground courses are planned. One suggestion from the floor was that security for online evaluations could be an issue. Oversight by the Online Learning Committee will start applying to summer classes as well, and evaluations will be done for summer and winter courses.

No motions were made.

Adjournment at 3:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Monique Durant