Academic Standards Committee

Minutes of 26 February 2008 Meeting

Blue and White Room – Student Center

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.

Present:
University Deans – M. Horan (A & S); S. Braverman (Business)
Student Affairs – (no member present)
Registrar – S. Petrosino
A & S Faculty – J. Tully (History), S. Gilmore (English), A. Pozorski (English); C. Waiveris (Math)
Business Faculty – D. Sims (Finance)
SEPS Faculty – M. P. Bigley (Education)
E & T Faculty – J. Mulrooney (Chair) (Biomolecular Science)

1. Motion (M. P. Bigley) for the approval of minutes from 29 January 2008.
   Vote: approved unanimously.

2. After earlier discussions with the Provost, the Chair presented the Committee with the following, previously distributed via email:

   - The target of the program is freshmen in 100 level classes.
   - The “report system” currently being discussed/developed will most likely be an online system that is very faculty friendly.
   - The Graduation and Retention Committee is currently discussing what form of action/intervention will be taken for the student.
   - For us to consider:
     - Faculty are being asked (it would not be mandatory) to participate in the program. Briefly what is being asked is that faculty will identify students having academic difficulty by the midpoint of the semester.

3. Motion (M. P. Bigley): “The Academic Standards Committee supports the development of an early intervention/student success initiative for first year students that may involve voluntary faculty participation in identifying students at academic risk. The Committee endorses this proposal with the expectation that the University will develop and fully fund a program to support these at-risk students.”
   Vote: approved unanimously.

4. Motion (J. Tully) to have CCSU adopt a similar policy as ECSU concerning the International Baccalaureate Program. The new policy would be:
“Central Connecticut State University recognizes the IB Diploma Program and will consider for course credit and advanced placement any higher level IB subject in which a grade of 5 or higher has been earned. Credit is awarded at the discretion of individual departments through the Office of Admissions.”

Vote: passed unanimously.

5. Motion (A. Pozorski) to replace the current sliding scale of good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all students regardless of number of credits or full/part-time status. The new policy would be:

“After first semester with less than a GPA of 2.0 for all students (first-year/first-time, continuing, or transfer):

Probation: Probation letter informs student of an academic intervention (nature to be determined) and the dismissal/probation policy; expectation that student will be at 2.0 or higher by the end of the subsequent semester; offer opportunity to meet with representative of Dean’s office to discuss academic status. Letter will further emphasize that student is required to participate in the academic intervention or probation will not be granted should they petition for such at the end of the next semester.

At the end of the next semester for all students still having less than a 2.0:

Academic Dismissal: may be appealed to the Dean’s office only for documented extenuating circumstances; non-appealable if it is mathematically impossible for the student to reach 2.0 by the end of the subsequent semester. In absence of extenuating circumstances, Dean will have discretion to grant probation if the student has 2.0 in the previous semester, even if cumulative GPA is less than 2.0.”

Vote: passed unanimously.

6. Without objection, the Chair created an ad-hoc committee to review and possibly amend the Committee’s by-laws.

7. Without objection, the Chair postponed discussion of non-matriculated students with low GPA’s registering for classes.

8. Motion (J. Tully) to adjourn.
Vote: passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Tully
Secretary