Academic Standards Committee

Minutes of 29 September 2009 Meeting

Bellin Gallery – Student Center

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Present:
University Deans – M. Horan (A & S), S. Braverman (Business), M. P. Bigley (representative – SEPS)
Student Affairs – R. Hernandez
Registrar – S. Petrosino
Recruitment and Admissions – L. Hall (Director)
A & S Faculty – N. Castaneda (Math), J. Gellar (English), S. Gilmore (English), K. McGrath (History), M. Mitchell (Math), R. Schwell (Math), M. Wizевич (Physics/Earth Sci)
Business Faculty – J. Synder (MIS)
SEPS Faculty – C. Mulcahy (Reading and Lang. Arts)
E & T Faculty – J. Mulrooney (Chair) (Biomolecular Science)
Guests – S. Bochain (Nursing)

1. The Committee conducted elections of officers.
   a. J. Mulrooney will remain as chair of the committee for one more year given the high number of new members serving on the committee.
   b. K. McGrath was elected to serve as Secretary
   c. J. Geller was elected to serve as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect.

2. **Motion (S. Gilmore, Second: M.P. Bigley) to approve the Nursing Retention Criteria (See Attachment A)**
   
   **Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

3. The Committee discussed the proposal from the CSU vice presidents to make changes to the CSU Residency requirements for the major (See Attachment B). The proposal would allow students to take up to 9 credits at any of the CSU schools. The proposal was tabled pending further clarification of the wording of the proposal and consideration of its possible implications for students and programs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

K. McGrath
Secretary
ATTACHMENT A:
CCSU Department of Nursing BSN Retention Policy

Retention
A. Once admitted into the nursing program, applicants must complete NRSE 150 with a C+ and CHEM 152 and BIO/BMS 319 (with a C or better) by the fall in which they are admitted, and must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

B. Once admitted to the nursing program, the following requirements must be maintained in order to remain in “good standing” in the nursing program:

- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 each semester
- Students must achieve a C+ or better in each nursing course.
- A Nursing course may be repeated only once.
- Students must earn a grade of “C” or better in the following courses: BIO/BMS 318, BIO/BMS 319, BMS 216, BMS 206, CHEM 152

C. If the cumulative GPA drops below a 2.50, he/she may be denied enrollment to Nursing courses. The student will be placed on departmental probation and must

- Meet with their academic adviser and the Department Standards Committee to develop a plan of action;
- A student is permitted two semesters of probationary status prior to dismissal from the program;
- When the student earns a semester and cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher, the student will return to departmental good standing.

D. If a student has not been enrolled in nursing courses for two or more consecutive semesters, he/she must obtain approval from the Department Standards Committee for reinstatement in the Nursing Program.

Revocation of Admission To the Professional Program

1. The following occurrences result in dismissal from the Nursing Program:

   a. C or below in any two nursing courses in the nursing program.

   b. C or below in the same nursing course more than once.

2. Once dismissed from the program, students may not reapply.
ATTACHMENT B:  
CSU School Residency Requirements

In the interest of promoting timely graduation, a modification of the residency requirement at each Connecticut State University campus is proposed. This modification must be approved through appropriate governance procedures on a campus in order for it to take effect on that campus.

Proposal:

With approval of the chairperson of the major or minor department or appropriate dean (when the credits are not being applied to a major or minor), up to nine (9) credits of courses completed at other Connecticut State University campuses can be applied to the residency requirement at Central (Eastern, Southern, Western). No more than one course can be taken at another campus at a time. Students should receive the required approval prior to enrolling in the “sister” campus course.

Interpretation:

With appropriate approval:

9 of 45 credits required for residency at Central—including 9 in the major or minor
9 of the final 30 credits required for residency at Eastern—including 9 in the major
9 of 30 credits required for residency at Southern
9 of 30 credits required for residency at Western—including 9 in the major
can be completed by taking courses offered on another CSU campus on-ground or on-line.