Academic Standards Committee

Minutes of 30 November 2010 Meeting

Bellin Gallery – Student Center

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

Present:
University Deans – M. Horan (A & S), M. P. Bigley (SEPS)
Arts & Sciences – N. Castanada (Math), J. Gellar (English) (Chair), F. Latour (Math), K. McGrath (History), I. Pevac (Computer Science), R. Schwell (Math)
Engineering and Technology – J. Mulrooney (Biomolecular Science)
Registrar – S. Petrosina
Admissions – L. Hall
Student Affairs – R. Hernandez

I. Motion: Approval of October minutes
   J. Gellar
   Second: I. Pevac
   Vote: passed unanimously

II. Subcommittee Report on “Related Requirements”
   A. R. Schwell reports that the committee is still working on preparing the draft. The committee will circulate the draft before the next meeting.
   B. The draft will then be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The goal remains to have department respond in time for the March deadline of the new catalog.

III. New Business
   A. Grade Appeals Policy
      1. S. Petrosino discussed a request from the Provost to clarify the current grade appeals process. There is a request for a clearer summary of the process (e.g. a checklist) with links on the website to the relevant forms. This is not a request to change the process itself.
      2. S. Petrosino also raised the issue of request for grade changes from students several years after they took the course and even after they have graduated.
      3. F. Latour noted that the Grade Appeals Committee, which is under Academic Standards, had several suggestions for changes last year.
      4. A subcommittee was formed to address these issues. F. Latour will chair and be joined by S. Petrosino, J. Mulrooney, and M. Horan. The subcommittee will write up clearer wording for the policy, and the matter will be revisited at the next meeting.
   B. Residency Requirement
      1. R. Hernandez wished to clarify that the new residency requirements went into effect in fall 2010.
C. Withdrawal Policy
   1. J. Mulrooney informed the committee to expect an examination of the current withdrawal policy to come from the deans for the next meeting. There is a discussion about how the current policy affects retention.
   2. There was a discussion of changing the policy to allow students to withdraw up until the 12th week, but limit the number of withdrawals during their time at CCSU to 5. This would not apply in the case of university withdrawals. The issue of how the registrar would be able to distinguish between the two was raised.
   3. There was also a discussion of adopting “WP” (withdrawn passing) and “WF” (withdrawn failing). M. Horan noted that this had failed in Faculty Senate in the past.

D. Online Courses
   1. J. Mulrooney asked the committee to take up the current policy on online courses at the next meeting. Currently, Faculty Senate limits the number of courses that can be offered online during the fall and spring semesters to 10.
   2. There was a discussion about the lack of standards or evaluations of online courses.

E. Probation and Dismissal
   1. S. Petrosino raised the issue of the effects of the change to the university calendar. With the limited number of days between fall and spring semesters, it will be difficult for the registrar to get information about probation and dismissal cases to the deans.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

K. McGrath
Secretary