Academic Standards Committee

Minutes of 26 October 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 – J. Gellar (English), F. Latour (Math), K. McGrath (History), I. Pevac (Computer Science), R. Schwell (Math),
Engineering and Technology – J. Mulrooney (Biomolecular Science)
Registrar – M. Bielawa

1. Election of Officers
   a. Motion: Appoint Kate McGrath as Secretary
      J. Mulrooney
      Second: M. Horan
      Vote: Passed unanimously
   b. Motion: Appoint Rachel Schwell as Vice-Chair
      M.P. Bigley
      Second: M. Horan
      Vote: Passed unanimously

2. Review of functions of committee:
   A. To review and recommend to the Faculty Senate standards for admission to the University as an undergraduate.
   B. To review and recommend to the Faculty Senate academic standards for probation and dismissal from University in any undergraduate program of the University.
   C. To review and recommend to the Faculty Senate standards for admission and termination of studies in any undergraduate professional program of the University.
   D. To review and recommend to the Faculty Senate academic standards in matters related to a student's academic program such as:
      1. academic loads
      2. academic awards
      3. academic eligibility for extra curricular activities
      4. withdrawal from class
      5. grading system
      6. class attendance
E. To review and recommend to the Faculty Senate the standards listed under 1 to 5 as they apply to the undergraduate program of the Extension College and Summer Session.

3. Discussion of Agenda for Year
   A. Standards for “Related Requirements” in Degree Programs
      1. M.P. Bigley discussed the need for programs to clarify the grade requirements for passing in courses identified as related requirements for the major. She identified the need for the committee to reach out to chairs in order to get clear statements of how they interpret these requirements.
      2. R. Schwell suggested that the committee should also encourage the use of common language to help mitigate confusion.
      3. The committee appointed a subcommittee composed of R. Schwell, J. Mulrooney, and M.P. Bigley to draft a statement to send to department chairs with a response deadline before the deadline for the new undergraduate catalog.
   B. Probation and Dismissal Procedures
      1. M.P. Bigley discussed that it is unclear whether or not students use their probation semester if they take classes during the summer or winter intersessions, especially if they are able to raise their G.P.A. above a 2.0 with those classes.
      2. A proposal to clarify the language in the catalog will come from the assistant deans to address this.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

K. McGrath
Secretary