Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 17th, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Founder's Room, Bone Student Center

Minutes

Roll:

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Name	Present	Absent
Senator Lahiri	X	
Senator Cline	X	
Senator Novotny	X	
Senator Nichols	X	
Senator Torry	X	
Senator Otto	X	
Senator Villalobos	X	
Senator Spranger	Х	
Senator McNab	Х	
Senator Small	X	
Senator Monk		Х
Ex-Officio Hurd	X	

Meeting called to order: 6:02 P.M.

Minutes from November 3rd

- No changes or corrections
- Motion to approve: Senator Small
- Second: Senator Spranger
- Motion carried; minutes approved.

Public Comment: N/A

Order of Business:

1. Updates:

- Policy 7.7.2 will be on the Academic Senate's agenda as an information item on November 17th
- b. We planned to discuss changes to policy 2.1.21 Undergraduate Academic Standing, Probation and Reinstatement
 - i. The policy is being reviewed by the Reinstatement Committee
 - ii. We will wait for their work to conclude before reviewing the changes
- 2. 7.7.8 Tuition and Fee Waivers Policy
 - a. Final approval of revised language needed
 - b. Mark Up 2
 - i. Responses from the committee and Bridget Curl's staff
 - ii. Type of waivers foreign students
 - 1. IBHE language, thus we cannot change
 - iii. 2nd-page numbering issue
 - 1. Category 5 posted twice error
 - 2. Illinois Veterans Grant is missing a category number
 - c. Vote to approve language unanimous
- 3. Policy Review: Routine review (due every 5 years)
 - a. Policy 2.2.12 Pass/No-Pass Credit/No Credit (issues pending #20)
 - i. Not been reviewed since 2015
 - ii. Working markup document in teams
 - iii. Discussion on policy content
 - 1. Pertains to course credit Credit/ No Credit

- Certain courses highlighted in policy related to credit/ No Credit
- b. Internship type courses
- c. Take out course listings in new policy and make a note related to course curriculum process
- d. Take out CT and replace with CR
- 2. Question: is there a standard to determine how students get credit or no credit
 - a. Based on each professor
- 3. Pertains to course grading Pass/ No Pass
 - Question: Pass/no pass courses claim to support student enrollment, is there a rationale like this for making a class credit/no credit
 - i. Pass/ no pass determined by each student
 - ii. Criteria for Credit/ no credit is determined by the department making it harder to create a rational
 - b. Professors must put grades in even for those who opt for pass/ no pass, will be changed to pass or no pass by register at the end of the semester
 - c. If a student changes their major and took a pass/no pass class for their new major prior to them switching they can request credit for the class or take a class for pure interest
 - i. Currently not included in the policy
 - ii. Discussion on including this option for students
 - iii. Pros: gives students more options and confidence in grades
 - iv. Cons: extra work for register office
- 4. Changing terminology options
- 5. References to inner middle and outer core

- Possibility of changing the inner, middle, and outer language to be more neutral for future general education class structures
- b. Policy 2.1.19 Verification of Student Identity (issues pending #21)
 - i. Not been reviewed since 2015
 - ii. Due to distance education courses
 - iii. Will be reviewed after the policy on distance education courses
- 4. Review of 2020-2021 external committee reports (time permitting):
 - a. New Review: Code of Student Conduct cases (University Hearing Panel and University Appeals Board combined)
 - b. Last Chance: Textbook Affordability Committee

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47