**Academic Affairs Committee**

**Minutes Meeting No.13**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING per state law and Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order**

Call to Order: **Chairperson Nikolaou** called to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

* Blum Present
* Cline Present
* Harris Present
* Lahiri Present
* Mainieri Not Present
* Nikolaou Present
* Peterson Present
* Phillips Present
* Spranger Present
* Swiech Present
* Toth Present
* Hurd (Provost’s designee) Present
* Paolucci (UCC liaison) *Absent*

Order of Business:

1. Approval of committee minutes
   * Documents provided to committee members in advance of the meeting: Minutes#12AAC03.03.21
   * Changes: No changes proposed
   * Motion to approve: **Peterson**
   * Second: **Swiech**
   * Roll call vote:
     1. Blum Aye
     2. Cline Aye
     3. Harris Not present to vote
     4. Lahiri Aye
     5. Mainieri Not present
     6. Nikolaou Aye
     7. Peterson Aye
     8. Phillips Not present
     9. Spranger Aye
     10. Swiech Aye
     11. Toth Aye
2. IDEAS Graduation Requirement Proposal:
   * Documents provided to committee members in advance of the meeting:
     1. 05.01.19.03 UCC\_IDEAS\_Executive Summary
     2. 05.01.19.04 ProvostCharge\_AdHoc\_Report-Jan2018
     3. 05.01.19.05 UCC\_Subcommittee\_Report- Nov2018
     4. 05.01.19.06 45 PAGES- Summary\_UCC\_Campus-wide\_Survey\_2018
     5. DEI Definitions
     6. Diversity Course Review\_AAC
     7. Diversity Requirements in Illinois Public Universities
     8. Senate Meeting March 5, 1997
     9. Senate Meeting March 4, 1998
     10. Senate Meeting March 18, 1998
     11. IDEAS Graduation Requirement Proposal\_03-22-2021
   * Discussion
     1. **Sen. Cline** rephrased a paragraph of the proposal to eliminate passive language on Teams following distribution of the documents to AAC.
        1. AAC approved **Sen. Cline’s** changes.
     2. AAC reviewed the catalog copy language proposed by UCC.
        1. **Sen. Cline, Sen. Blum, and Provost’s designee Hurd** proposed editorial changes to eliminate redundant language.
        2. **Provost’s designee Hurd** clarified that students can “double dip” in general education requirements and IDEAS courses, but this course may NOT count towards the required AMALI credit.
        3. **Sen. Cline** proposed a rewritten second paragraph of the IDEAS catalog copy proposal: “IDEAS designated courses may count both towards this graduation requirement and general education requirements; however, IDEAS courses cannot count towards both the IDEAS graduation requirement and the AMALI graduation requirement.” AAC adopted the changes.
     3. **Sen. Nikolaou** sought clarification on one course listed as AMALI credits (GEO 135) in one location but not another. **Provost’s designee Hurd** confirmed that it does count as AMALI.
   * Vote to approve IDEAS motioned by **Cline**
     1. Second: **Blum**
     2. Roll call vote:
        1. Blum Aye
        2. Cline Aye
        3. Harris Aye
        4. Lahiri Aye
        5. Mainieri *Not present*
        6. Nikolaou Aye
        7. Peterson Aye
        8. Phillips Aye
        9. Spranger Aye
        10. Swiech Aye
        11. Toth Aye
3. 3-week/4-week summer courses:
   * Documents provided to committee members in advance of the meeting: 06.17.19.01 Policy 4.1.19 Credit Hour policy
   * Discussion:
     1. **Chairperson Nikolaou** introduced the concern brought forth by Sen. Marx in 2017.
     2. **Sens. Cline, Nikolaou, Toth** inquired to **Provost’s designee Hurd** about 4-credit hour courses taking place in 4 weeks. Student senators and **Provost’s designee Hurd** believe that these courses don’t exist.
     3. **Provost’s designee Hurd** acknowledged that the University doesn’t offer any 3-week summer courses, only 4-, 6-, 8-, and 12-week courses.
     4. **Sen. Blum** encouraged this decision to fall on department leaders to decide if a course is “reasonable” to be completed in a shortened term like winter and summer. There are courses that it’s very workable, there are some that aren’t.
     5. **Chairperson Nikolaou** research other institutions that offer these courses and ISU is in accordance with other public universities that offer 4-week courses.
     6. The AAC will ask the Executive Committee to remove this item from the Issues Pending list.
   * Senator Cline motioned to report to Executive Committee that we are satisfied with the current policy and no changes are recommended.
     1. Motion to approve: **Cline**
     2. Second: **Peterson**
     3. Roll call vote:
        1. Blum Aye
        2. Cline Aye
        3. Harris Aye
        4. Lahiri Aye
        5. Mainieri *Not present*
        6. Nikolaou Aye
        7. Peterson Aye
        8. Phillips Aye
        9. Spranger Aye
        10. Swiech Aye
        11. Toth Aye

Motion to adjourn: **Lahiri**

Second: **Blum**

Adjourned at 6:56pm.