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Minutes
Scholastic Committee 2011–12, Meeting #21
April 25, 2012

Present: Michelle Page, chair, Chad Braegelman, Luciana Ranelli, Peh Ng, Peter Wyckoff, Hilda Ladner, Dennis Stewart, Jennifer Zych-Herrmann, Tammy Berberi, Erin Christensen, Allison Wolf, Clare Dingley, Judy Korn, executive staff, Absent: Holly Gruntner, Steve Gross, Dillon McBrady

1. April 18, 2012, minutes were reviewed by the committee. Bryan Herrmann, director of admissions, has asked to review in regard to his presentation to the committee on April 18. The minutes will be sent to Herrmann for review and then sent to the committee for final approval via email.

2. Chair report

The Chair reported actions made on behalf of the committee. She received a request to rehear a petition that was previously denied by the committee. She declined to bring this case back to the Scholastic Committee.

The Chair received a packet of information from a student requesting assistance from the Scholastic Committee regarding a financial aid and grading appeal. No formal petition has been received. The Chair has informed the student that these issues are outside of the committee's charge.

3. Petition 1208

The committee discussed the petition and also several related topics including timing of accreditation and when transfer courses are completed, catalog review, and the role of the transfer evaluation coordinator. The committee voted to approve Petition 1208: approve 9, deny 0, abstain 0.

4. Summer Appeals Group

The Summer Appeals Group meets in July to review appeals from suspended students requesting the length of suspension be decreased from two semesters to one semester. The Chair suggested asking the Student Standing Scholastic Committee and a representative from the Scholastic Committee to serve in this capacity. The current SSSC members are Michelle Page, SC chair; Judy Korn, SC executive staff; Jen Zych Herrmann, dean's designee; and Leslie Meek, Academic Affairs representative.

The SSSC fulfills a related charge (re-admitting suspended students to the University) as the Summer Appeals Group throughout the year. It was noted that consistency in making these types of decisions is important.

Making the decision to use the SSSC and one SC representative as the Summer Appeals Group is a change to procedure but not a new or changed policy. The Summer Appeals Group reports to the Scholastic Committee.

The Scholastic Committee agreed to the Chair's suggestion. Chad Braegelman will serve as the Scholastic Committee representative to the Summer Appeals Group. If he is unable to serve, Dan Magner will be his alternate.

5. May 2, 2012 meeting and possible discussion topics

The committee decided to meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, to continue discussion of a number of items. Priorities for the meeting were determined.

- A. Retention report follow-up

The committee will review the questions posed by Jennifer Zych Herrmann during her April 11, 2012 presentation.

Timed alert surveys vs. at will

Alerts for all classes vs. only 1000-level

Providing feedback for all students vs. just those of concern

Best methods for communication, training, and increasing campus participation levels

- B. Policy changes and communication
- C. Transcript related items: SCEP subcommittee on contextualization of the transcript; bracketing versus averaging repeated course grades
- D. Incomplete form/contract

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Korn
Executive staff