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Minutes for March 31 2022 meeting

Present

Present: Dennis Stewart (Chair), Jason Ramey, Joseph Beaver, Alyssa Pirinelli, , Marcus Muller, Jessica Porwoll, Beth Zaske, Maureen Zelany, Jess Larson

Previous Meeting Minutes

The March 3, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously.

The Feb 17, 2022 minutes were lacking attendance. The chair was going to get the attendance from the Zoom report on attendance. A motion was made to add the names and accept the minutes. This proposal was unanimously approved.

SCEP update

Financial aid presentation was given at SCEP. Some of the highlights were the following:

The University of Minnesota system is doing well on financial aid and is sitting in the middle of the group.

Institutional scholarships are doing well.

There was a discussion about the use of Proctorio. This was followed by brief discussion of Proctorio's use on the Morris campus.

Discussion of Main Agenda Item

An earlier chair report was discussed (Sept 2, 2021)

a. Moving everything under the "petition heading" on the one-stop page. More broadly speaking, it would be to make the petition process more user friendly to students.

b. Scholastic Committee (SC) could work on system in which if "A" situation occurred then there would be "B" remedy for it. If there were not a "B" remedy then SC would decide the petition.

c. The overall goal is about clarifying the connection between the Office of the Registrar (OTR) and the SC to one in which the SC establishes the parameters for the exceptions to requirements and empowers the OTR to grant those exceptions in a majority of cases. Therefore, the SC would mainly be involved in granting these cases when specific requests less clearly fall along the parameters for granting exceptions.

1. It was explained that subcommittee was formed to examine this issue. However, the subcommittee had not come to any resolution on the issue. Therefore, it was brought to the committee to try and select one option and to try and find a solution for it. The option chosen based on the earlier interest by the Chancellor Erikson was to see if we could work out an solution for students who failed to complete the IC course on time by giving the OTR a list of preapproved substitute courses for the IC. While there was no consensus on a plan, there were several themes that occurred during the discussion.

a. The list should be internal use.

b. Divisions should make the decision on what qualifies as an alternative IC course.

During this discussion the follow documents were referenced from an earlier meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13lZe7JYAzKyAii0dpgJnwgJsdZRgQxXhVAF7oiY4Ik/edit>

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1n_J1nrxY4SUOPzAs6OHHiouftHb3faWKcJskz5WdsPk/viewform?edit_requested=true

2. The OTR would like more help on the petition process by having an office that the students could go to for help on petitions. However, it was stated that this was unlikely given the current emphasis upon students be more responsible for the petition writing process.

3. The original subcommittee that examined this issue felt that one of the original stalling points on this agenda item was whether there was truly a need for it. The scholastic committee has not seen many petitions this year. While a formal vote was not taken, there was a consensus around this opinion. Therefore, the decision was to table this discussion and it was agreed that in the following meeting we would talk more about the items delegated to the OTR. The following document was raised during this discussion: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KH-X4O3B33Hwf2a9FWsYVeFkbnKQeEE0zZU8gqo9Lto/edit#heading=h.pyfqdk8nl0tx>