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Scholastic Committee
Oct. 13, 2022 @ 11:40 a.m.
Meeting Number 2
Virtual

Members present: Cameron Berthiaume, Rachel Dagbovie, Julie Eckerle, Josh Kuusisto, Jess Larson, Mark Logan, Marcus Muller, Jessica Porwoll, Jason Ramey, Lindsey Roemeling, Nick Skulan, Dylan Young
Members absent: Alyssa Pirinelli, Dennis Stewart (on sabbatical), Beth Zaske
Guests: Barry McQuarrie & Keni Zenner

In these minutes: *Hearing about Academic Recovery Program*

Agenda & Minutes:

I. **Greetings** / Thanks to minute-taker Josh

Present- Julie Eckerle, Josh Kuusist, Barry McQuarrie, Zeni Zenner, Marcus Muller, Jess Larson, Jason Ramey, Mark Logan, Cameron Berthiaume, Lindsey Roemeling, Jessica Porwoll, Dylan Youg, Nick Skulan, Rachel Dagbovie.

II. **Introductions & Brief Review of Scholastic Committee Charge** (because new student members)

The Scholastic Committee develops, reviews, and recommends policies affecting the quality of education including admission, academic progress, academic advising, student academic honesty, undergraduate scholarship, and graduation. It has the power to enforce policies and to grant exceptions to academic regulations when the spirit of such regulations has been satisfied. The committee sets admission standards and evaluates transfer credit in accordance with standards established by the Campus Assembly.

See also <https://governance.morris.umn.edu/committees/scholastic-committee>

III. **Approval of Minutes** from the September 1 meeting

-Approved by all

IV. **Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) Report** (Jess)

- Campus Calendar for Juneteenth
- Mental health programs

V. **Academic Recovery Program** (guests Keni Zenner & Barry McQuarrie)

- What led to the academic recovery program- came from the summer of 2021 from the COVID-19 pandemic grade policies. These policies helped some and hurt others.
- Showed a number of probation and suspension data pre covid, during, and post covid.
- Probation numbers went from 6% and 7 % to 12-14% a double rate.
- Process
 - Students on academic probation and saw warning> goes to academic coach> dean invites students to participate in academic recovery program> a push to help students enroll in IS 1061 and other UM Morris resources.
- Academic recovery timeline- We have just gone through the first full cycle. Some good and some bad. Some students just will not respond and wanted to see how scholastic committee dates can align with the timeline.
- Went over academic recovery coach assignments. Try to break down by population and credits completed.
- Fall 2022 engagement
 - 95 students on our ARP roster 41 have met with an academic recovery coach 12 sap appeals completed. About 50% of students are engaged and completing a sap appeal can be up to 3 meetings
- How is it going?
 - More coaches to engage students and increase meetings with coaches
 - Made a questionnaire to help coaches guide students
- Coaches help students interact with advisers; they don't take the place of advisers. Suspended students are still a part of our community and we need to be reaching out to them. Would there be a benefit to a rolling appeal date? How do we communicate with students who have been suspended?
- Suspended students- What do coaches need to know about the appeal process?
- How to have contracts when coaches leave?
- For academic recovery coach load, many institutions require students to meet with coaches.
- MCSA collaboration- what is suspension, what is probation, and what to do if it happens?
- What about students that never attend class- Can scholastic engage or suspend those students?

Open discussion

- What does MCSA collaboration mean?- How can we make the students aware and communicate that with all students? MCSA could help keep students who are on probation that they are still a part of the UM Morris community. Proposed a meeting with all who have been placed on it and how to navigate the process. The main point is MCSA is students reaching out to students.
- Could be a webinar where students do not know their identity to protect themselves.
- Dylan- Skeptical about communication policy should be done by coaches as they are professionals. Liked Webinar idea
- We want to communicate that you are not alone

- Nick- Mandatory participation considered... Been discussed and would be a policy change. Hesitate because probation is enough and I don't want to throw more on them.
- Julie- Appeal what makes it successful? The effort a student is making says a lot and those who do not make an effort are useful information.
- Jess-Could we make it points? Like it would help GPA? Some universities make the class 2 credits and one credit for engaging with the coach.
- Can the scholastic committee review the appeal timeline/deadline? Suspended you are out 2 semesters. Can we engage with those who get suspended in the fall faster? Don't want to remove the June 30th deadline but maybe add one in March?
- Julie- Feb 28th deadline so can review in early march.
- Keni- Could we push back June deadline to October? Students need to show that they are making progress to get better grades at other colleges etc.
- Marcus Fall suspension Jan 30 appeal Suspended in March would be a June deadline. Moving the deadline can help the students show that they have the plan to get better. Could just move to 3 review dates.
- **Jan 31, June 30, and Sep 30 as review dates (No vote needed)**
- Work through a policy if a faculty leaves with an incomplete what do we do?
- Keni- Point on attending class in the first week of class?- There are financial implications of not attending class. 50 students were removed and 7 were forced to pay back financial aid this year.

VI. Chair Report

Make-up Work Policy Review (<https://policy.umn.edu/education/makeupwork>)

- Discussion on the elimination of Chancellor excuse- Last used on the Twin Cities campus was for the band. Currently, on UM Morris campus only Band and Athletics use them however athletics are covered by other policies.
- Students would be against that because many committees use the chancellor's excuse.
- Working towards a clear policy.

Date of next meeting: Nov. 10, 2022

Adjournment time: 12:41

Submitted by: Josh Kuusist

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