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Scholastic Committee
March 9, 2023 @ 11:40 a.m.
Meeting Number 7
Virtual

Members present: Cameron Berthiaume, Julie Eckerle (Chair), Jess Larson, Mark Logan, Marcus Muller, Alyssa Pirinelli-Deslauriers, Jessica Porwoll, Jason Ramey, Nick Skulan, Dennis Stewart, Beth Zaske
Members absent: Rachel Dagbovie, Josh Kuusisto, Lindsey Roemeling, Dylan Young

In these minutes: Updates & Planning for Next Meeting

Agenda & Minutes:

1. Reviewing minutes of February 16 2023 meeting: Correction to mark Beth Zaske as present.
Minutes approved with correction.
2. Reviewing minutes of March 1 2023 meeting: Approved.
3. Meeting began with a discussion of how to determine this committee's role in admissions policy.
 - a. A point of continued discussion was UMM's "test-optional" policy on ACT scores (and the appropriateness of that term to describe what UMM is in fact doing). Marcus provided data points in chat showing some decline in the ACT scores of admitted students, but this included some of the test-optional period.
 - b. There seems to be consensus that this committee has some role to play relative to admission policy but that greater clarity is needed in the relationship between Scholastic and Admissions.
4. Report from Senate Committee on Education Policy (SCEP): Jess Larson told us that the business there has been mostly metro-centric lately, including accreditation for the Twin Cities campus and a visit from someone dealing with Travel Abroad.
5. We discussed which remaining tasks we should focus on:
 - a. What to do about students not passing Morris 1101
 - b. Documenting our work relative to Strategic Planning
 - c. Admissions policy stuff
 - d. Athletics common practice time
 - e. Morris academic calendar (grades due when faculty are off the clock)
 - f. Clearinghouse for syllabus language
 - g. 3-year graduation plans
 - h. AP research project for credit

Some discussion on these topics:

- We may want to coordinate with Planning Committee on some policy review.
- We are reminded that often education policy is system linked and hard to impact.

- The athletics common practice time is probably more in the purview of Steering since it is linked to Community Hour issues.
- On syllabus language there was a lot of dissatisfaction with the status quo, including desire for some centralized document to cut down on syllabus bloat, and timelines that don't lead to don't lead to expectations of changing syllabi shortly before term starts. This problem may be above the level of this committee, and the chair may bring this to the Dean's office.

For our last meeting, we will discuss options for students who do not successfully complete IS 1101: Morris 1101 after it becomes a requirement for all new students as part of the new Morris core curriculum. Also getting volunteers for suspension appeals in Summer: deadline for appeals is June 30 and reviews will occur in July. Last year was just one meeting.

Discussing plans for next year for Scholastic committee?

Date of next meeting: April 13, 2023

Adjournment time:	12:40
Submitted by:	Mark Logan
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