

Scholastic Standards

Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Hall Dorm

1:30-3:00pm

Attendees: Jill Livingston; Larry Armstrong; Karen Bresciano; Stuart Brown; David Clokey; Robin Coulter; Susanna Cowan; Joseph Crivello; Lauren Digrazia; Hedley Freake; Gerald Gianutsos; Larry Gramling; Katrina Higgins; Tom Recchio; Jennifer Lease Butts

Absent: Carolyn Teschke (sabbatical) and Bethany Brown

Agenda:

1) Introductions

2) Updates

- We were just assigned a student rep on September 11, 2014, so she could not make the meeting
- Joe Crivello will act as the SSSC reps for Growth and Development and Katrina Higgins will act as the rep for Diversity committee
- Jill met with Peter Diplock on BGS admissions requirements; BGS will work with Nathan Fuerst in Admissions to propose changes to the transfer section of the By-Laws.
- Jill has been in contact with Ellen Tripp on student athlete absences from classes; this will be a topic of discussion later in the semester
- Jill will send a Doodle poll to reschedule the next meeting
- The location for all meetings is Hall Dorm—Senate Conference room
- In order to expedite the By-Laws motions, the minutes from our final meeting of the 2013-14 Academic year will be up for approval at our next SSSC meeting

3) Withdrawals and Leaves of Absence By-Law change

Background:

Veterans have different withdrawal and readmission processes than a traditional student. David Clokey, Kim Fearney, and Laurie Neal (Records Compliance Specialist, Storrs and Regional Campuses) suggested that it would be appropriate to make this discernment in the By-Laws, since federal laws dictate different readmission rules for Veterans.

Discussion:

The implication of Dean of Students or designee was discussed. It was decided that this language, as well as the alternative language Dean of Students Office encompass all those designated by the Dean of Student to undertake a responsibility—regardless of direct reporting lines. Using this general language is advantageous in that it offers flexibility should the actual designees change. Specific guidance to students of whom to contact at each of the UConn campuses is appropriate language for the catalog.

It was noted that Veterans signifies having previously serviced in the armed forces, whereas this policy applies to those who may not yet been called up to active duty.

Decisions:

The introduction was edited for accuracy with regards to veteran status. The By-Law proposal itself was approved and will be brought forth at the October SEC meeting to be put on the October Senate agenda.

4) Bunched finals By-Laws change

Background:

This By-Laws change was presented for informational purposes at the April Senate meeting. It is intended for vote at the September meeting; however, I would like to withdraw the proposal until further discussion has taken place for three reasons

- a. Due to time constraints, Student Welfare was not given a final chance to vet the proposed changes and would like to do so.
- b. There is also a lingering mention of the word examinations, which seems out of place, given the expungement of the phrase "final examinations" elsewhere.
- c. The proposal presented to the Senate in April missed a few of the agreed upon changes. Further, two copies of the By-Law section was included in the proposal. If a reader had scrolled, they would have seen one copy, followed by a slightly different copy.

The attachment contains the current By-Law with one iteration of the changes proposed in April. The comment boxes detail the places where errors need to be fixed.

Discussion: Final edits were needed prior to sending this document to the Student Welfare committee.

Decision: Final changes were made to change examinations to assessment (where appropriate.) Another grammatical streamlining was put into the final paragraph. This document will be sent to Student Welfare. If there are no suggested changes, this will be brought forth to the SEC at the October meeting to be put on the October Senate agenda. If Student Welfare has changes to propose, the document will be returned to SSSC.

5) "unclassified students" to "non-degree" By-Laws change

Background:

This By-Laws change was also presented for informational purposes at the April Senate meeting. It is intended for vote at the September meeting; however, I would like to withdraw the proposal until further discussion has taken place. It has been noted that the proposed changes do not only affect language, but also eliminate the current credit limit (8 credits) that non-degree students can take at one-time. This and other previously undiscussed implications of the By-laws proposal will be discussed. The comment boxes in the attachment detail the places where known errors need to be fixed.

Discussion:

The 8 credit limit that was inadvertently struck through was reinstated. It was further decided that students should be held to a 2.0 cumulative GPA only after taking 12 credits or complete two terms.