

# Scholastic Standards

## Minutes

January 28, 2015

**Attendees:** Karen Bresciano, Jennifer Lease Butts, Bennett Cognato, Hedley Freake, Lawrence Gramling, Katrina Higgins, Jill Livingston, Eric Schultz, Carol Teschke

**Absent:** Lawrence Armstrong, Stuart Brown, David Clokey, Robin Coulter (sabbatical), Susanna Cowan, Joseph Crivello, Lauren DiGrazia, Gerald Gianutsos, Thomas Recchio

1. Minutes from December 11, 2015 were approved.

2. By-laws motion for *Adding or Dropping Courses*

Discussion: SSSC considered the advantages of designating time in days v weeks. A decision was made to preserve portions of the current By-Law, including designation of time in weeks, that are effectively articulating policy, while targeting changes to address the lack of clarity in assignment of W's during the 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> weeks. This ambiguity has resulted in inconsistent practice across schools and colleges. Further, no-W drops have implications for full-time status and financial aid. SSSC drafted an alternate revision, which will be considered at a future meeting. The SSSC considered the remainder of the *Adding or Dropping Courses* By-Law. The complete section of the By-Laws will be brought forth in the motion to the Senate.

Actions: Jill will redraft the *Adding or Dropping Courses* section to reflect agreed upon changes. This motion will be put on the next meeting agenda.

3. Feedback on future spring agenda topics:

Discussion: The SSSC reviewed the current docket.

Decisions: Due to the volume of proposals to consider this semester, meetings may be 2-hours (1-3pm). The February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be 2 hours, to give us ample time to consider all sections of the Admissions By-Laws. In addition to previously identified agenda topics, the SSSC will consider the issue of whether students can pass a course if they do not pass the lab. Any other suggestions for topics should be sent to Jill.

**February 11:**

Admissions by-laws change (with Nathan Fuerst)  
Adding or Dropping Courses proposed changes

**February 25:**

By-laws 11.E.9 Changes of Course Grades. An audit in spring 2014 noted that there is currently no timeframe for change of course grades

By-laws change to Semester Examinations and Final Assessments. We will consider the designation that "each examination period shall be two hours in length"--we will need to take into account differences for summer sessions and the needs of students with disabilities

**March 11:**

By-laws F.3 University Scholars (with Jennifer Lease Butts and Monica van Beusekom)

**March 25:**

Discussion of class absences/interviews

**April 8:**

TBD

**April 22:**

TBD

Other topics:

1. Can students pass a course if they do not pass the lab?
2. New intersession course session—5 weeks online—approval needed by SSSC .
3. Academic Adjustments committee policies and procedures. These were developed by SSSC.
4. Over the years changes to procedures have been made, but they are in need of updating (Katrina)
5. Repeat forgiveness
6. Relationship of summer sessions to By-Laws

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