

Scholastic Standards

Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Hall Dorm

1-2:30pm

Attendees: Lawrence Armstrong, David Clokey, Karen Bresciano, Jennifer Lease Butts, Bennett Cognato, Susanna Cowan, Joseph Crivello, Lauren DiGrazia, Hedley Freake, Lawrence Gramling, Katrina Higgins, Jill Livingston, Peter Tribuzio

Absent: Stuart Brown, Robin Coulter (sabbatical), Gerald Gianutsos, Thomas Recchio, Eric Schultz, Carol Teschke

- 1) Minutes from March 25, 2015 were approved.
- 2) University Scholar By-Laws proposal (with guest Monica van Beusekom)

Discussion:

The current By-Laws heavily focus on process. They are out of date. Further, they do not recognize the University Scholar Oversight and Selection Committee and its relationship to the Honors Board. The University Scholar Oversight and Selection and the Honors Board vetted and approved changes, which were brought forth to SSSC. The proposed changes were appreciated by the SSSC. The timeframe for applying to the program and the duration of the program itself were discussed. The privileges were also carefully reviewed.

Decisions: Further revisions were made to retain and provide more specificity in language related to the Advisory Committee of three tenured or tenure-track faculty members. One outstanding question remains about the financial privilege. Clarification will be sought by Jennifer Lease Butts. This proposal will be placed on the next SSSC agenda for vote.

- 3) Admissions (with guest Nathan Fuerst)

Discussion: Based on feedback received at a previous SSSC meeting, Nathan revised the By-Laws motion, distinguishing and clarifying language related to transfer admissions versus transfer credits. SEC has reviewed the changes up until this point and has no questions or concerns. SSSC acknowledged the significant efforts by Nathan in collaborating with the committee this year.

Decisions: The changes were approved along with additional grammatical improvements. SSSC needs to finalize one more section on ECE before asking the Senate Enrollment Committee to review the document. The changes will be brought forth to the Senate for vote in the 2015-16 academic year.

- 4) New business:

Jill will poll members to see if they can attend an additional meeting on April 29th. Remaining business includes:

- Approval of University Scholar By-Laws proposal
- Feedback on SSSC annual report
- Admissions By-Laws proposal: section on Early College Experience for High School Students
- Adding or Dropping Courses By-Laws proposal
- Review of interviews on class absences (if time permits)

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