

Senate Scholastic Standards Committee 2015/2016

Meeting Agenda 9/17/2015

2.00 – 3.30 PM

Senate Conference Room, Hall Dorm

Members present: Brian Aneskievich, Stuart Brown, Lauren DiGrazia, Katrina Higgins, Joe Crivello, Gina Stuart, Larry Gramling, Jill Livingston (facilitator), Annelie Skoog

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from 9/3/15 were approved with small modifications.
3. Report back from SEC

Lauren DiGrazia provided an update of SEC discussions.

- a) Composition of Senate standing committees
Given the purpose of SSSC, SEC agreed that it is desirable to maintain a favorable level of representation by faculty. It is also desirable that the committee chair be faculty. Moving forward, faculty representation will be taken into consideration when populating the SSSC.
- b) Changes at regional campuses
The standardized schedule will be difficult for regionals to implement on short notice. Storrs works on schedules a year in advance, while regionals work 6-12 months in advance. The new requirement will be addressed by Sally Reis or Mun Choi at the September Senate meeting. A second issue was discussed related to clearance for regionals to advertise 4-year degree programs.
- c) SETs stay with FSC
SETs will remain in the purview of Faculty Standards, not SSSC. A question was raised about whether SETs are in the By-Laws, as indicated on the OIRE website.
- d) Ratcliffe Hicks changes
Students who are dismissed for the first time from the University for scholastic reasons may, upon approval, matriculate no sooner than two semesters following dismissal. Given that Ratcliffe Hicks is a 2-year program, a two semester dismissal is relatively long. This will be addressed as a MOU between the Dean of Students and Ratcliffe.
Decisions:
This will be on a future agenda.
- e) Is the length of the Add/Drop period appropriate
The length of the Add/Drop period poses difficulty of faculty of W classes; however, the perspective of both faculty and students must be examined in considering shortening the length of time provided. Federal guidelines do not stipulate 10 days; rather, UConn must inform the feds of its guideline.
Decisions:
This will be on a future agenda.

Student Welfare should be consulted on this matter.

- f) Should taking 4xxx courses be a graduation requirement?

When the University went from numbering courses in the hundreds to thousands, it became possible in certain majors with a broad catalog of classes for students to graduate without taking courses above the 2000's. Should this be addressed by departmental C+C committees or become a University requirement? Are there standards for level of rigor of 2,000, 3,000 and 4,000-level courses?

Decisions:

Katrina will talk to CLAS C+C for their perspective.

This will be on a future agenda. A member of C+C will be invited to participate.

4. Old business

- a. Admissions bylaws

SSSC previously approved revisions to all sections of Admissions, with one section remaining: 65. Non-Degree Undergraduate Students

Decisions:

SSSC approved the Non-Degree Student section.

All SSSC members should review the entire Admissions motion carefully within the next couple of weeks. Final suggestions for improvements will be considered at the October 1 meeting.

5. New business

- a. SSC representatives to Senate Growth and Development and Diversity committees

Decisions:

Katrina will represent SSSC on Diversity and Joe will represent SSSC on G+D.

Jill will notify Cheryl Galli.

6. Other Business

Cheryl Galli is looking into whether we can reserve the Wilbur Cross meeting space, which would allow for better remote participation by regional campus members.

7. Future Business

- a. Academic adjustments policy
- b. Student Record System audit
- c. Reading Days
- d. Use of the terms "primary" and "secondary" instructor
- e. Research experience course
- f. Annelie shared a NYTimes article, "Are college lectures unfair?" on how active learning is effective in decreasing the achievement gap that exists between men and women and other diverse populations. This will be put on a future agenda for discussion.

Next meeting: Thursday October 1, 2-3:30pm @ Hall.

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