

## Senate Scholastic Standards Committee 2015/2016

Meeting Minutes 3/7/2016

2.00 – 3.30 PM

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1. The minutes from 2/22/16 were approved.
2. No new business was added to the SSC to do list from the SEC meeting
3. The committee went through the items on the future business list to determine whether and when action was needed.
  - a. Late adds during Add/Drop. Departments are wishing to regulate late adds because if students have not been attending the course, catch up can be difficult. Some are adding reserve caps to limit access. No action needed at this time.
  - b. Academic adjustments policy. The aim is to separate the policy from the procedures to make adjustments in the latter more straightforward. In addition, the policy needs a clear home; currently it resides in the SSC minutes. More discussions with interested parties needed before it will come to the SSC.
  - c. Minors by-law language. These are absent from the by-laws and the SSC had previously decided they should be included. Larry Gramling/Katrina Higgins will bring proposed wording to the next meeting.
  - d. Reading Days are still being discussed by the Student Welfare committee and may come to SSC at a future date.
  - e. The Provost's Office is trying to resolve differences in use of the terms "primary" and "secondary" instructor. This is not an immediate issue for the SSC.
  - f. The Office of Undergraduate Research would like to be able to quantify research experiences of undergraduates. Some departments have a specific research course but many use the independent study vehicle. Asking departments to insert the prefix Research in the titles of independent studies where appropriate is one potential solution.
  - g. It may be beneficial to be able to dismiss students after their first semester if they fail to attain any credits but there is currently no mechanism to do so.
  - h. Literature, Cultures and Languages would like students to be able to complete one of their majors alongside another from a different school (e.g. Engineering, Business) without requiring 30 additional credits. A proposal may be forthcoming for the SSC to consider.
  - i. There are a number of issues about the Academic Misconduct Policy related to faculty not following correct procedures, timely resolution of cases and the requirement that athletes be treated in the same way as other students. The Student Welfare Committee is considering this.
  - j. Some progress has been made on the issue of bunched finals but more action is required. UConn has a very generous definition of bunching. This will likely come to the SSC this semester.

4. Discussion continued on the grading by-laws. An updated version is appended to these minutes.
5. The meeting adjourned at 3.35 PM