

**Scholastic Standards
Minutes
March 11, 2015**

Attendees: Stuart Brown, David Clokey, Karen Bresciano, Jennifer Lease Butts, Bennett Cognato, Joseph Crivello, Gerald Gianutsos, Lawrence Gramling, Katrina Higgins, Jill Livingston, Carol Teschke

Absent: Lawrence Armstrong, Robin Coulter (sabbatical), Susanna Cowan, Lauren DiGrazia, Hedley Freake, Thomas Recchio, Eric Schultz

- 1) Minutes from February 25, 2015 were approved with two abstentions.
- 2) 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 (Lauren)

Discussion: This topic was postponed to a future meeting when Lauren can be in attendance.

- 3) By-laws change to II.E.11 Class Attendance

Discussion: This section came to the attention of SSSC because it is cross-referenced from II.B.10 *Adding or Dropping Courses*. Upon review, SSSC discovered one inaccuracy, noted below.

As an exception to the general rule concerning absences, if a student does not attend any of the classes or laboratories of a course during the first two weeks of the semester and does not notify the ~~Department of Student Affairs~~ Dean of Students Office or designee of the reasons for his or her absence, the instructor may assign his or her seat to another student. Such non-attendees may, after the second week, request to continue in the course on the same basis as a student not registered for the course.

Decision: The proposed change was approved by SSSC, and will be brought forth at the April 13, 2015 Senate meeting for discussion, with a vote at the May meeting.

- 4) Consent agenda motion to change the name of unclassified students to non-degree students

Discussion: The use of the phrase “unclassified students” is out of date with current services at UConn (see nondegree.uconn.edu), as well as the language used at other universities.

Decision: The proposed consent agenda motion was approved by SSSC and will be brought forth at the April 13, 2015 Senate meeting for vote.

- 5) By-Laws Section II.G.1 and 2, Eligibility for Participation in Collegiate Activities

Discussion: This section of the By-Laws came to the attention of SSSC because it includes use of the phrase “unclassified students.” It was suggested at a meeting last year that the name of UConn’s athletic conferences be referred to in a generic way to ensure posterity. Also, it was considered whether the language in II.G.1 was originally intended to refer only to athletics or to all intercollegiate competitions. An inappropriate cross-reference to section E.11 *Class Attendance* was discovered.

Decisions: SSSC drafted changes. David Clokey will consult with Cyndi Costanzo, Executive Director of UConn Recreation, for feedback and this section of the By-Laws will be considered at the next SSSC meeting.

- 6) New information: Lack of section titles in cross-references has led to inaccuracies within the By-Laws. SSSC will propose a consent agenda item to include the names and numbers of sections that are cross-referenced within the By-Laws. Jill will draft a proposal to the next meeting.
- 7) New information: Additional corrections may be needed in II.B.10 Adding or Dropping Courses contains. These pertain to approval needed by students to drop to fewer than 12-credits. Also, who has the authority to allow students to drop a course after the ninth week of classes or to drop more than one course after the first ten days of classes? Changes were drafted. These will be presented to Katrina and Lauren for feedback and will be considered at the next SSSC meeting.
- 8) New information: Jill will remind SEC of the need for an entity to do a thorough review of the By-Laws.
- 9) New information: Jill will suggest to SEC that securing use of a room with teleconferencing abilities would promote participation by regional campus staff in the business of the Senate.

**Next meeting--Note: This meeting will be facilitated by Larry Gramling
March 25th**

- By-Laws Admissions—*Advanced Standing for Superior High School Students* (Gillian Thorne will be invited as a guest)
- Consent agenda change for cross-references
- By-laws 11.E.9 Changes of Course Grades
- By-Laws Section II.G.1 and 2, Eligibility for Participation in Collegiate Activities
- By-Laws Section II.B.10 Adding or Dropping Courses

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