

Senate Scholastic Standards Committee 2015/2016

Meeting Minutes 3/28/2016

2.00 – 3.30 PM

Senate Conference Room, Hall Dorm

Members present: Brian Aneskievich, Karen Bresciano, Stuart Brown, Robin Coulter, Susanna Cowan, Joe Crivello, Hedley Freake (chair), Lawrence Gramling (briefly), Katrina Higgins, Doni Ivanov, Jennifer Lease Butts (by phone), Jill Livingston, Eric Schultz, David Wagner.

1. The minutes from 3/7/16 were approved.
2. No new business was added to the SSC to do list from the SEC meeting.
3. Katrina and Larry will bring proposed wording for the by-laws on Minors to the next meeting.
4. Extensive discussion continued on the grading by-laws. An updated version is appended to these minutes. Points of decision included:
 - There was disagreement about the definition/value/use of the N grade but the committee decided to retain it to mean “A student has completed few or no assignments and no make-up schedule has been agreed upon with the instructor; the faculty has no basis for a grade.”
 - Given the lack of clarity among faculty on the meaning of temporary grades, a drop-down menu with explanations was suggested for the Student Administration system.
 - The limitation that only one course per semester can be taken as P/F was removed, while retaining the overall limit of 3 courses/12 credits per student career.
 - Deadlines for putting a course on P/F in shorter sessions outside of the regular semesters should be set in a pro-rated fashion by the Registrar. Thought should be given to including a generic statement in the by-laws concerning changed deadlines in shorter sessions. Susanna will draft.
5. Stuart requested the addition to a future agenda of whether first year student access to 3 and 4000 level courses should be limited.
6. The meeting adjourned at 3.30 PM