

Senate Conference Room, Ground Floor, Hall Building 123; 3:30-5:00 PM, Tuesday, October 31, 2017

SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attendees: Veronica Makowsky (Chair), Greg Bouquot, Jennifer Lease Butts, Susanna Cowan, Joseph Crivello, Holly Fitch, Robin Grenier, Gretchen Geer, Katrina Higgins, Jill Livingston (recorder), David Wagner

Absent: Brian Aneskievich, Karen Bresciano, Stuart Brown, David Clokey, Robin Coulter, Hedley Freake, Larry Gramling, Jean Main, Ellen Tripp

I. Minutes from October 17, 2017 were approved as revised.

II. List of Questions for Donna Korbelt

Discussion: SSC reviewed, edited, and approved the list of questions previously provided by Veronica.

Decisions: The questions will be provided to Donna Korbelt in advance of the Nov 14 meeting.

III. General Education By-Laws IIC2

Discussion: SSC reviewed By-Laws changes provided by GEOC. The conversation touched on the following points and suggested edits:

- Repeatable one-credit courses are performance-based courses. With these courses, students are taking classes with the same number, but the content is not being replicated.
- Is it necessary to say “hands-on” laboratory courses?
- Are “entry expectations” admission requirements? Students must meet gen ed requirements as set when they enter a school or college.
- With 11,000 courses, it is difficult to enforce reserve caps.
- Substitutions to Gen Ed requirements are made by the academic adjustments committee under authority of the Provost. The language is currently Vice Provost, which does not encompass the necessary entities.
- Add language that Registrar will run reports for GEOC upon request.
- Should the language say “accredited institutions” rather than “regionally accredited institutions”? “Regionally accredited” sounds as though there is a specific region of accreditation.
- Change language so that reporting is on “enrollment in courses in the General Education Curriculum and staffing”.

- What is “intensive session”?
- Is the chairmanship a one-time opportunity or may a chair simply not be reappointed back-to-back?
- Should exit expectations be changed to graduation expectations?

Decision: Veronica will vet the changes she captured with Katrina and Jill for completeness and accuracy. She will then send responses to GEOC.

IV. Academic Adjustments

Discussion:

- Why are only quantitative skills and/or second language competencies considered? These were areas that brought most concerns; perhaps students also would have to be able to meet full requirements in other areas to be considered appropriately deserving of a degree.
- The section Guidelines for Academic Adjustments had been struck, but the first sentence should be reinstated, “The vast majority of students who experience difficulty in fulfilling the Quantitative Reasoning and/or Second Language Competency will experience success by employing any number of academic support and/or advising strategies.
- 8 year rule should be Eight-Year Rule for consistency within the By-Laws.
- Vice-Provost should not be hyphenated.

Decisions: Veronica will send marked-up copy of the document back to Curricula and Courses.

VI. Last Two Weeks of Semester: Report from the Registrar and Brief Discussion

Decision: This report was deferred to a future meeting.

VII. Additional Degrees: Veronica will report on her discussion with the SEC and Chairs of Standing Committees

Discussion: SEC and Chairs of the Standing Committees indicated that the dual degree should be kept as is. Students who earn two degrees (2 diplomas/2 pieces of paper) will need to take an additional 30 credits. SSC will come up with new category that allows double majors across schools and colleges (one piece of paper). This will not require additional 30 credits.

Decisions: Veronica will write a proposal for a future meeting.

VIII. Need for an additional meeting this semester?

Discussion: Due to the docket of business items, the SSC will need to schedule an additional, longer meeting this semester.

Business to Complete or Advance this semester:

Gen Ed. By-Laws Language

Academic Adjustments

Additional Degree

Last 2 Weeks of Semester

Begin Academic Integrity

Other? Honors Board is voting tomorrow on Honors changes and regulations.

Decision: Veronica will ask Cheryl Galli to send out a poll to find a day/time that works for the most SSC members during finals week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm