

SSC Meeting
12/3/18
Minutes

Present – Robin Coulter, Joe Crivello, Holly Fitch, Jennifer Lease-Butts, Hedley Freake, Veronica Makowsky, Karen Bresciano, Stuart Brown, Larry Walsh, Greg Bouquot, Lauren Schlesselman, Maureen Armstrong, Robin Grenier, Jill Livingston, Thomas Long, Katrina Higgins, Sreenidhi Nair, and Thomas Briggs.

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously with three abstentions – Greg Bouquot, Stuart Brown, and Robin Grenier.

The first order of business was a discussion of the comments made by Vice-Provost Dan Weiner in regard to the document we generated in response to a request from his office. We agreed to remove this from the agenda for presentation to the Senate and decided to go back to Dan and discuss his concerns and modify our proposed by-laws for Education Abroad.

We then discussed the letter from Dr. J. Volin, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, regarding students missing class assignments or exams because of illnesses. He asked that faculty understand that they are not to encourage students with the flu or a cold to go to the SHS for an excused absence since SHS will not give excuses and the mobile students may spread the illness, yet faculty should not penalize students for illness-related class absences. It was pointed out that students must now pay to go to SHS through their insurance and that medical personnel will only let faculty know that students visited without any information about the nature of their illness. We discussed that it is up to the faculty to clearly elucidate their policy for students missing classes assignments or exams in the syllabus. We will discuss this issue further at our February meeting.

We discussed our prior proposal to modify the course numbers for research and experiential learning classes. With feedback from various stakeholders, we modified our proposal to include a section on FAQs and simplified the language. We decided to send the report first back to the School and College C&C's and then to the SEC for future consideration at the Senate.

We again discussed the grade appeal proposal made by Associate CLAS Dean Dr. Moiseff. We need to continue to formalize our language and discuss the proposed changes to the by-laws. We discussed the implications of a 10-day period for students to appeal their grade and the impact it will have on the maintenance of grade records by faculty. This was sent back to the subcommittee to attempt to keep policy in the by-laws and procedure for the catalogue and elsewhere.

We again discussed the transfer admissions bylaw and addressed questions brought back to the committee by Larry Walsh and admissions. We decided to clean up the present copy of the proposed by-laws and take one more look at it in February, and then submit the proposal to the Senate for informational purposes at a spring semester meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.