

2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
February 3, 2017
Approved: February 17, 2017

February 14, 2017

Members Present: Escobar, Fox, Geyer, Gonsier-Gerdin, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Newsome, Schmidlein, Taylor,

Members Absent: Heather, Heinicke, Hunt, Li, Murphy, Sharpp, Watson-Derbigny, Watters

Guests Present: Gatto, Trigales

Call to Order: Called to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Open Forum:

L. Gatto (Academic Advising) shared information about the 2nd Annual Advising Summit taking place on February 24, 2017. She encouraged folks to spread the word and to register for the event.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Approved 2:11pm

3. Approval of the Minutes for October 7, 2016. Approved 2:11pm

4. Discussion Item: CA Promise, SB 412.

APC continued its discussion of this new law. Chair Escobar provided a recap of the law's objectives and what the Committee is being asked to do.

K. Trigales provided information regarding registration priority. The memorandum she distributed to the Committee provided a history of priority registration, which began in 1992. The information included a breakdown of various categories of students, with numbers, who received priority registration in Fall 2016 (Total= 1,904 students).

The Committee continued to discuss ideas regarding how priority is defined. One definition that was mentioned again at this meeting is as follows: "registering on appointment date and time, by class level, earlier in the day;" or, putting it another way, "at the head of the line of one's class standing."

D. Geyer mentioned that we don't have to accept all of the students who sign the CA Promise Pledge. In other words, there is wiggle room. It really depends on whether the university can support the students (i.e., provide classes, faculty, space, etc.).

K. Trigales provided additional data regarding the percentage of first time freshmen who signed the Finish in Four Pledge and who ended up on Academic Probation after their first semester of classes in Fall 2016 (18%) and compared that to first-time freshman who ended up on AP at the end of Fall 2015 (15%). This is a 3% increase in the number of first time freshmen on AP after their first semester. K. Trigales also shared that the average course load in Fall 2016 was 14 units.

M. Schmidlein proposed the following in terms of a strategy or approach to establishing registration priority:

- Identify the overall structure for priority registration, as in what does priority mean
 - Feeling seemed to be to define Priority relative to those with the same class standing
- Define the criteria that will be used to identify priority students
- Define the criteria that would lead to a student's removal from this priority status
- Develop the processes for identifying, adding, monitoring and removal of participants

The Committee determined that the best approach to keep the process moving would be to establish an Ad Hoc Working Group to look at some of these issues. D. Geyer agreed to call a meeting sometime in between the APC meetings in February. Additional members include Escobar, Schmidlein, Gonzalez, Newsome.

5. Discussion Item: New Grade Appeal Policy. APC is being asked to review, make comment and make recommendations (as appropriate) on the most recent draft of the Grade Appeal Process (GAP). The Committee discussed the new proposed GAP as well as the summary of changes that the GAP Working Group, as well as Emily Wickelgren, Grade Appeals Manager, have proposed. Questions and concerns arose around the proposed change regarding the process for getting student representatives onto grade appeal panels or into the panel pool. [Current GAP (2015), Dean's offices work with Chairs to get names of students interested and willing to serve. Proposed change: go through ASI.] Additional questions and concerns were raised, so Chair Escobar stated that she would invite Emily Wickelgren, Grade Appeals Manager, to the next meeting on February 17th to answer any questions that come up and to provide clarification as to where the proposed changes could be located or linked to in the current GAP (2015).

Meeting Schedule for Spring 2017

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February 17
March 3

March 17
April 7
April 21

May 5

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Sue C. Escobar, Committee Chair