

Academic Policy Committee

April 23, 2021

Present: Schuyler Chapman, Chris Cosner, Kevin Evans, Gary Morris, Ann Reed, Ed Wood

Virtual: Cheryl McKinney, Nabil Nasser, Shelly Ratliff, Jasmine Tarman

Absent:

The minutes for the March 19, 2021 meeting approved as presented. (Evans/Cosner)

Old Business

Advanced Standing Policy – Dr. Morris announced that this policy has been removed from the 2021-2022 catalog.

Attendance Policy – this was updated to use the same verbiage in reference to faculty as instructors. Discussion was had on if this policy will be the same one displayed in the Student Handbook. Dr. Morris assured the Committee that once approved this policy will be updated across the board. Dr. Ratliff made a motion to approve this policy. Dr. Evans seconded.

Retroactive Awarding of Degrees – concerns regarding the responsibility being on solely the student were shared from SGA. There was also a request for additional training for faculty to be able to assist students in catching any programs they do not have declared but may have finished. These concerns were shared by academic departments as well. There was a request for Degree Works to be able to tell students that they are close to finishing a minor. This is not something that Degree Works is able to produce. Suggestion for placing a reminder on the graduation application in EdNet was shared; the group was reminded that EdNet is very canned. Concerns were also shared about what exactly “retroactive” means in this instance. It was suggested that this information be shared in the graduation email that goes out to students prior to applying for graduation. The group would feel better if there was a notice sent to students and faculty about this policy prior to voting. This item was tabled for the first meeting in the fall 2021 semester.

Double-Dipping – Discussion ensued on who exactly was confused about courses not being counted twice. It was shared that some students may not understand that a course cannot be counted twice in a program. Degree Works is set up in such a way that the course is only ever counted once in the credit hour count even if the course is shared in the major and minor. The college does not have two majors that are not different enough that students could get both within 120 credit hours. This item was tabled for the first meeting in the fall 2021 semester.

New Business

Fall 2021 Agenda items – Student Payment in Courses for Which They Receive Credit; Probation and Suspension Policy; Inclusion of Disciplinary Notes on Transcripts

Hybrid Course Definition (unable to take up until fall per Robin Meadows) – It was shared with the Committee that Mrs. Meadows stated there was a survey being sent out to faculty in May to gather data for the Committee to utilize in developing a definition and expectations.

Student Identity Information – will come to the Committee after an ad hoc committee has been developed.

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