

**Academic Policy Committee Meeting
October 14, 2021**

Present: Kevin Cain, Shelly Ratliff, Nabil Nasser, Amanda Chapman, Kevin Evans, Tim Konhaus, John Chambers, Breanna Morgan, Mari Clements, Ann Reed

Absent: Gary Morris, Ken Lang, Chris Cosner

Approval of Minutes – Dr. Chapman motioned to accept the September 30th minutes, Dr. Konhaus seconded. Minutes approved.

Old Business

Student Payment in Courses for Which They Receive Credit

- Dr. Morris discussed this issue with other Provosts, and should have information soon as to what other schools do
- Dr. Chapman's research showed that a policy isn't really necessary
- Shepherd notes this information in their syllabus
- Dr. Clements had researched other institutions previously for internship vs. work experience information, and found that most other institutions offer paid and unpaid internships. Requirements of courses must still be met
- There have been inconsistencies in the past
- Dr. Nasser suggested we have a stipulation to if a student is doing research, they can only be paid through a grant, if available
- The Committee decided to table this topic until further information is gathered. Dr. Nasser motioned to table, Mr. Chambers seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Probation and Suspension Policy

- Mrs. Reed provided the following information: During Dr. Peek's tenure, he wanted the 6 credit option available in either semester a student would be suspended. If a student is only able to take 6 credits, they will have part-time Financial Aid as well. This doesn't really help the students if they end up with a bill they can't pay. The College could go back to offering 6 credit hours in the summer or have students who are on probation sit out regardless.
 - Most examples researched require students to sit out
 - Last semester, there were 32 students suspended. 4 of these students took 6 credit hours, and only 2 students were able to come back full-time
 - Summer is not counted as a semester that students can sit out. Mrs. Reed can look up examples of what students who sat out did
- Dr. Chapman asked what students are supposed to be doing on their suspension
 - Some colleges require prep classes upon return
- Dr. Konhaus said there needs to be some sort of follow-up with these students, and support for them. Students will not succeed if they do not have support.
- Dr. Chapman stated that if this would be an additional faculty responsibility, some faculty would be more over-burdened than others. The ASC may need additional employees if this would be assigned to them.
- Dr. Chapman asked why we have this policy. Ann will research, but all colleges have this policy.
- The Committee would like to have the new Dean of Student Retention involved, but that won't be finalized soon. This may need to be revisited in the spring, and may not make it into next year's catalog.
- Dr. Nasser suggested having a class, or some sort of assistance, during the probation period, instead of waiting until the student is suspended.

- Mr. Chambers motioned to table the discussion until more information is available. Dr. Chapman seconded. Motion passed.

Inclusion of Disciplinary Notes on Transcripts

- Ann stated that Dr. Morris would like this to be tabled. This has come up before, and Dr. Morris wants to present this to Cabinet first.
- Dr. Konhaus motioned to table, Dr. Chapman seconded. Motion passed.

Dr. Evans reminded the committee that Dr. Nasser had previously brought up Safety in Classrooms, which should be added to the list of items to discuss in Academic Policy. After no further discussion, Dr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

October 17, 2021