

Academic Policy Committee

Minutes

November 10, 2022

Present: Gary Morris, Chris Cosner, Amanda Chapman, Jeremy Keene, Tim Konhaus, Nicole Hopkins, Cheyenne Moore-Wine

Absent: Kevin Cain, Kenneth Lang, Larry Baker, Brian Perkins

Guests: Ann Reed, Mari Clements, Jason Yeager

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Cosner motioned to approve the October 27th minutes, Dr. Konhaus seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Probation & Suspension Policy

- The students agreed on changing GPA to 1.8 for under 30 credits. 1.8 makes it more possible for students to be able to do extra-curricular activities
- Dr. Keene stated that at a previous institution one advisor from each department helped students in this situation so that they had additional guidance. This could possibly be incorporated into ASC's duties
- Repeating a course: students can only have a maximum of 21 credits removed from GPA due to retaking courses
- The biggest reason that students don't return is financial reasons
- Dr. Konhaus was still concerned with 1.8 GPA. If it was 2.0 more students would receive help before dropping below 2.0, plus a 2.0 is required to graduate
 - Based on data, this would help an additional 30 or so students
- Dual Enrollment students that enter GSU without a 2.0 are not currently required to be on probation, but this is being updated. In the future if a Dual Enrollment student drops below a 2.0 they will be removed from the program
- Faculty and students will go back to their areas to discuss this further
- Mrs. Reed will provide additional data at the next meeting
- Dr. Chapman will ask Mr. Sprague to attend the next meeting to discuss GPAs of students who are defaulting

Admission Standards

- Dr. Clements attended the meeting to discuss admission requirements for correctional students. Most correctional students don't have a high school diploma, but GEDs instead. GSU accepts the prison's verification of GED/HS diploma attainment. Changing this would be a barrier for students enrolling in program.
- The committee asked if the open enrollment designation needed to be changed at the state level. Four-year programs have a standard admission policy. The open enrollment designation is

for two-year programs. If a student cannot meet the guidelines for admission into a four-year program, they are admitted into a two-year program until they meet those requirements

- There is a clear correlation in students with low GPAs and not returning to college. Before covid, GSU had the highest default rate in the state. Other institutions require students complete two-year General Studies degrees before they transfer to four-year program
- Dr. Konhaus stated that we would still have the same issues with loan default rates until we coach students on what they need to do to succeed, and support them. A minimum GPA should be set for four-year programs
- The committee was concerned about setting a minimum GPA for two-year programs due to state requirements. The committee was also concerned that these changes wouldn't help the default rate.
- Dr. Morris asked the committee to draft a memo for Dr. Manchin and he would discuss this with Dr. Manchin
- The students do want a minimum GPA for four-year programs, but want to keep two-year open

Adjournment: Dr. Chapman adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

November 14, 2022