**Academic Policy Council**

**August 30, 2019**

**Minutes**

Present: Eve Clark, Jason Zenor, Victoria Chiu, Rameen Mohammadi, Pat Russo, Craig Delancey, Mary McCune

Excused: Sharona Ginsburg

1. **Approval of the agenda**

Clark amended the agenda to move discussion of the CRJ memo. Russo moved, McCune seconded. Approved.

1. **Approval of April 5 minutes**

The minutes were not shared with Council. Clark will distribute them and they will be approved at the next meeting.

1. **Chair’s Report and Welcome to the Committee**

New and returning members were welcomed. Clark discussed issues raised at FAEB. One was a proposal to get rid of the Student Issues Committee. While students did raise their concerns with this committee, the committee itself has no power to effective change. The second issue raised was the possibility of instituting term limits for Council Chairs. Some Councils already have term limits. If such a proposal goes through, Clark suggested APC might consider creating an APC Vice-Chair position. The final issue raised at FAEB related to Standing Committees: their make-up, their reporting structure, whether or not they are merely a faculty “service filler” and whether there is too much overlap of duties. While this is not an FA issue directly, the Provost’s Office thinks working on greater structure is important and that FA might play a role in this.

1. **Elections**
2. Recorder – Mary McCune
3. Reporter – Eve Clark
4. Website – Dan Truong is happy to continue to help with the website. Jason Zenor will post minutes.
5. **New Business**
6. **Psychology Memo**

Discussion of proposal. They want to get rid of sub-category “Depth.” Russo felt a side-by-side was necessary in order to see what catalog copy will look like. Council members wondered what these courses would now be called and why they aren’t simply electives. Mohammadi felt that they no longer need the qualifier for 300- and 400-level courses in the catalog language as the courses have to come from the provided list.

Council members felt that PSY should resubmit proposal memo with the list of courses and organized in a way that the Registrar’s Office can easily make sense of the changes. Zenor suggested asking them whether they want to continue using Depth/Breadth language or simply call these courses Electives.

1. **Changes to President’s List/Dean’s List Memo**

Clark provided the background to this memo and why it came before APC. Originally directed at President Stanley, FAEB felt that APC should consider it and make a recommendation that FA could vote on. The FA vote/recommendation would then be sent to President Stanley.

This student is questioning his inability to make the Dean’s and President’s lists due to his having inadequate credits hours in graded courses. Having taken only 12 cr to ensure a successful semester, he did, indeed, have a successful semester but was one credit short of the 12 cr minimum since he took a Transfer Success Seminar (1 cr) in which he received an “H.” Discussion ensued regarding the merits of this student’s request for a change in policy.

It was noted that SUNY Geneseo’s policy also requires 12 cr, not 15 cr, of A-E graded coursework to make the Dean’s list. Consensus developed that changing the policy would lead to a slippery slope: what if a student only had 9 cr of A-E graded coursework when they were full-time due to internships, etc.?

Clark will contact the student telling him that Council reviewed the policy and his request, that they decided the policy was clear and, ultimately, will recommend not changing the policy.

1. **Geology Proposals**

Discussion began focusing on the BS, Track 1. They propose to add a lab to GEO 450, which was approved by UCC in Fall 2018, and a new capstone course, GEO 495. These changes will alter total credits from 72-76 to 73-77. Mohammadi clarified that GEO 495 was created because faculty were doing many independent studies which are not counted on load.

Clark wondered why there is no longer a list of electives. Mohammadi thought MAT utilizes similar language to what is in this proposal. Delancey wondered if it would now be possible to take the capstone as an elective, given the proposed language. Clark will contact them about this and ask whether or not they want to include a list of electives.

1. **Criminal Justice Memo**

To be discussed at next meeting.

1. **School of Business changes to its majors proposal**

To be discussed at next meeting.

1. **Future Meetings (all in 467 Mahar):**
2. Sept.13 and 27
3. Oct. 18 and 25
4. Nov. 8 and 22

Meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McCune

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