

Academic Policy Council
September 21, 2018
Mahar 467

Minutes DRAFT

Present: Eve Clark Benavides, Sue Fettes, Daniel Truong, Victoria Chiu, Rameen Mohammadi

Meeting called to order at 3:10

I. Approval of the agenda.

Fettes moved, Truong seconded. Approved.

II. Approval of April 13, 2018 minutes

Fettes approved, Truong seconded. Approved.

III. Elections

A. Chair: Sue Fettes nominated Eve Clark. Committee elected her by acclamation.

B. Reporter: Eve Clark volunteered to report to FA. Committee voted by acclamation.

C. Recorder: By email, Mary McCune volunteered to continue to serve as note taker. Committee elected her by acclamation.

D. Website: Jason Zenor has left the council due to his sabbatical. Council nominated and elected Daniel Truong to take over the website. Eve Clark informed Keith that should would have Jason turn over the information and that her email needs to be updated on the APC site.

IV. Chair's Report

A. Transfer Student Credits: catalog memo approval, Mohammadi shared a preliminary memo for updating the catalog to reflect that transfer credits from 2 year schools only count as under-division credit even when used as an equivalent for a major's upper division course. The council agreed that the language needed updated and to be put in a new section of the catalog so transfer students and those who take credits off campus should have full transparency. Mohammadi will bring a formal proposal to the council soon.

B. Course GPA: Clark informed the Council that there was may soon be proposal submitted by the Chemistry department to FA to discuss a university policy of requiring a GPA range for courses at certain levels. The council discussed implications.

C. Change of Modality: Clark informed the Council that there has been some problems of communications in regards to change of modality as some degrees intentionally go to online programs. The major issue is as of now, they do not need to go through program updates if simply moving to online mode of instruction. This seems to be a problem as some departments who teach cognates are not being made aware of the changes. This may require a change in how governance deals with departments as the move to online

V. New Business

- A) Cinema Studies Major Memo: The council discussed the changes and McCune (through email) and Fettes noted that the CSS 111 title wrong and typo in catalog “which”. Discussion of prerequisites occurred. The council approved the addition to the electives but wanted to make sure the program is aware that some of these courses may have prerequisites which make it unlikely that students will take the courses. The proposal was approved by acclamation.
 - B) HDV Memo: HDV is trying to prevent Psych students from minoring in HDV with program variations that prevent them from taking more than one HDV course. Unfortunately, Fettes noted that the catalog note proposal does not solve their problem and the changes needed to correct this is not something APC can solve. Mohammadi noted that Psychology and HDV will need to eliminate the blanket deviations that were set around the transition to the two departments. Eve will inform Dot to contact Mohammadi and the Psychology department to solve the issue.
 - C) Criminal Justice Minor Changes and Department Change: Council approved the department name change by acclamation as well as the changes to the minor name and proposal to substitute PBJ 265 with CRJ 333 only if they change the catalog to reflect that the course will be offered regularly. Clark will contact the Dean’s office to see if they have received and reviewed the blanket deviation proposal.
 - D) COM Blanket Deviation: the blanket deviation to substitute COM 403 for COM 303 is not needed as the catalog already provides the program other substitutions (in catalog language). Department just needs to just contact registrar to allow for 403. This should be a temporary fix until the department changes the major formally.
 - E) Wellness Management Proposal Intent Form. The council discussed this type of request as it has not been used for many years. Wellness Management is proposing its intent to teach program in Syracuse. These forms are generally approved, discussion on the merits of the proposals occur when the department then submits the new program through governance. The council approved by acclamation. Clark will report out to FA.
 - F) Liberal Arts State Ed-Requirements. The Council briefly discussed an issue that has come out with State-Ed’s definition of Liberal Arts. They do not allow any performance or studio arts class to count towards liberal arts totals. This is hindering BA students, especially in the Arts, as they cannot have enough classes that count towards the 90 credit minimum.
- VI. Schedule for Fall 2018: Clark discussed the semester schedule which will convene on the following days in Mahar 467: September 28 (if needed), Oct. 5, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Nov. 30

Meeting at adjourned at 4:52

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Clark