

COMMITTEE: Admissions and Retention Committee

MEETING DATE: October 5, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Dr. Katie Flanagan, Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Allison Danell, Katie Flanagan, Amy Frank, Edward Apetz, Daniel Shouse, Susanne Jones

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Fletcher, Jay Newhard, Cody Chullen and Joseph Paul

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approve Minutes of August 31, 2015 meeting

Action Taken: Minutes approved with correction

Agenda Item: Change of Grade Policy

Discussion: The committee continued the discussion from its earlier meeting. Most of the discussion focused on why a course grade should not be changed if the course was a pre-requisite. Danell suggested that the nature of a pre-requisite was to build knowledge for more advanced topics. Thus if a course which required a pre-requisite was completed the knowledge from that advance class would have an effect on outcome of the repeated pre-requisite. Further, Danell suggested there are not uniform standards and Frank added no definitions.

Action Taken: Committee supported a motion asking Chair Flanagan to put in writing a recommendation for better definition. Motion was approved.

Agenda Item: Difference between double major and double degree

Discussion: Flanagan asked the committee to discuss and review the differences between double majors and double degrees. Additional a discussion by the committee led to a motion for Danell and Geissler to draft language to address the questions regarding double majors and double degrees.

Action Taken: Motion was approved.

Agenda Item: Time limits for transfer credits accepted by ECU

Discussion: Committee had a discussion focused on what type of credits might be considered with a limit. Part of the discussion focused on would "life credits" be considered under this limit? Newhard mentioned that on-line institutions allow lengthy time limits for credit. Chullen also mentioned that this is a practice at many diploma mills. Chair Flanagan suggested a limit of 10 years. Frank said that in many of their programs the information has not changed much. Danell suggested that some of the time limits were set because of accreditation requirements at professional schools. Apetz asked who established those limits? Chair Flanagan will request information about how many students present transfer credit older than 10 years. Committee agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

Agenda Item: Graduation with Distinction

Discussion: Franks asked the committee to consider an appeal of the ECU policy of graduation with distinction. Currently according to Franks students must complete at least half of their work at ECU to be considered for a degree with distinction. This is not fair to students who have significant transfer work and must complete less than that requirement to earn an ECU degree. Jones suggested that this is important because of the high level of work that must be completed here.

Action Taken: Committee reviewed this request and recommended no action be taken.

Agenda Item: Course withdrawal by instructor

Discussion: The University Registrar requested that the committee review a practice that is not currently found in the Catalog allowing an instructor/faculty member to withdraw a student from their course without the student's permission. Committee members expressed feelings that sometimes they wish they could drop students but that for multiple reasons, i.e. financial aid, insurance, eligibility to participate in athletics and others that the catalog does not allow for the withdrawal of students without their permission. Flanagan will report this finding to the Faculty Senate as an update.

Agenda Item: Discussion of new retention policies

Discussion: Item was postponed until Dr. Geissler could rejoin the committee.

The committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 4 PM in Rawl Annex 142

Respectfully submitted: John Fletcher