COMMITTEE: Admission and Retention Policies Committee
MEETING DATE: Monday, November 7, 2011
PERSON PRESIDING: William Joseph Thomas
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Durant, Amy Frank, Patrice Morris, Mary Nyangweso and Natalie Stewart
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Fletcher, Mike McCammon, Catherine Rigsby and Michaela Steward
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Maggie Olszewska

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Update on Academic Integrity Policy

Discussion: One point of discussion was whether to require faculty to report all academic integrity violations, even those treated as learning opportunities. There was some sentiment that doing so would prevent repeat offenders from being able to “game the system”. Starfish was discussed as a possible method for notifying the Academic Affairs Office of such violations. In addition, the committee discussed the merits of whether there should be a single statement on academic integrity that all faculty would have to incorporate in their course syllabi, or whether it was best to provide several options that faculty could choose from. The committee also examined having a single “parking lot” for housing these statements that could be linked to from multiple locations. Another issue was the question of submitting this statement or statements for Faculty Senate approval. Finally, it was proposed that an online academic integrity module could be created that all incoming students would have to complete in order to be able to register for classes.

Actions Taken: Faculty will not be required to report possible academic integrity violations that they decide to treat as learning opportunities. The committee felt that offering multiple syllabi statements was the best option. The sample statements currently available on the OSRR website will be used for this purpose, with the Academic and Retention Policies Committee website to be used as the “parking lot”. Creating an online academic integrity module will be discussed further in December. The issue of using Starfish as an academic violations reporting tool will be revisited at the February meeting.

Assigned Additional Duties To: Joseph will update the Faculty Senate on the academic integrity issue at their December meeting. Joseph will invite Jayne Geissler from the Vice-Chancellor for Academic & Student Affair’s Office to attend the February meeting to discuss using Starfish as a reporting tool for academic violations.

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Next meeting date: Monday, December 5, at 4:00 in 142 Rawl Annex

Items to be discussed:

- Nontraditional Students Admission Policy (Discussion led by Amy Frank)
- Online Academic Integrity Module

Adjourned: 5:00