

COMMITTEE: Admission and Retention Policies Committee

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 12, 2012

PERSON PRESIDING: Joseph Thomas

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Allison Danell, Natalie Stewart, David Durant, Amy Frank, Patrice Morris

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike McCammon, Jayne Geissler, John Fletcher

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Grade Replacement Policy Revision

Discussion: In light of the requirements of the Plus/Minus Grade Policy (FS #07-03), the committee discussed how the Grade Replacement Policy may be revised. The committee considered pros and cons of allowing C- grades to be replaced under this policy. The C- grade is a subset of the C grade, and C grades were not replaceable in the past. However, because students must maintain GPAs of 2.0 or higher, this retention standard implies that a GPA of 1.7 (all C- grades) would be below standard and thus should be replaceable. If C- grades are replaceable, advisors would need to work closely with students to decide whether one of the four available grade replacements should be used to replace what could be a grade acceptable to a particular student's major department. Many units have "C or better" rules, and will likely need to revisit those guidelines.

Actions Taken: The majority of the committee voted to allow grades of C- to be replaced. The relevant sentences in the voting copy to be presented to the Faculty Senate will read

"A student is permitted to use the Grade Replacement Policy a maximum of four times for courses below 3000 in which he or she has earned a grade of C-, D+, D, D- or F."

and

"In the event that the original grade was a C-, D+, D, or D-, no additional credit hours will be awarded."

Assigned Additional Duties To: Joseph Thomas

Agenda Item: Readmission Under Forgiveness Policy Revision

Discussion: In light of the requirements of the Plus/Minus Grade Policy (FS #07-03), the committee discussed how the Readmission Under Forgiveness Policy may be revised. The committee considered pros and cons of forgiving C- grades. Additionally, students readmitted under this policy must maintain a C average, but committee members thought it would be clearer to replace "C average" with "2.0 average."

Actions Taken: The majority of the committee voted to allow grades of C- to be forgiven.

The relevant sentences in the voting copy to be presented to the Faculty Senate will read

“Subsequent East Carolina University-based GPAs of students readmitted under this policy will be computed without inclusion of previous course work in which a grade of C- or below was received; credit toward graduation will not be allowed for such course work.”

and

“At the end of the term in which the nineteenth semester hour is attempted, a minimum cumulative 2.0 average must have been earned at East Carolina University on all course work attempted since readmission under forgiveness. Failure to meet this stipulation will result in the student being ineligible, except for summer school, until such time as the 2.0 average is obtained.”

Additional Duties Assigned To: Joseph Thomas

Next meeting date: April 2, 2012

Item to be discussed:

1. Review undergraduate catalog for references to Nontraditional Students Admission Policy that may need to be revised.
2. Discussion of new policy regarding completion of all graduation requirements, such as certification or internships, before graduation date.
3. Generating a new grade, such as FA, to indicate a student's failure due to absence.
4. Adding military-related duties to excused absence policy.

Adjourned: 4:55 PM