COMMITTEE: Admission and Retention Policies Committee
MEETING DATE: Monday, March 4, 2013
PERSON PRESIDING: David Durant
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Katie Walsh, Allison Danell, Michael Duffy, Jonathan Morris, Scott Curtis
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Fletcher, Amy Frank
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Maggie Olszewska, Angela Anderson

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Generating a new grade, such as FA, to indicate a student’s failure due to absence

Discussion: The committee discussed the possibility of generating a grade that faculty could assign to distinguish students who earn Fs due to absence. Possible pros are 1) information could be used to accurately assess student financial aid records; 2) the grade would clarify to a student and perhaps parents why he/she earned the grade of F; 3) it would lessen the impact of aggregate course data on a professor’s reputation as being overly difficult.

The committee discussed that there are a variety of reasons that impact how and why students earn Fs. It would be difficult to assign the threshold for how many absences must be accrued before final grades are impacted. Since faculty members already have to report the last date of attendance when a student earns an F, the financial aid data does not need to be collected. The committee concluded that this idea will not be pursued.

Action Taken: none

Assigned Additional Duties To: none

Agenda Item: Update from Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) on implementation of Academic Integrity Policy

Discussion: The most recent version of the Academic Integrity Policy was implemented in Fall 2011, and the process has gone smoothly. Faculty members are encouraged to take advantage of online academic integrity violation (AIV) filing to speed up processing. There has been no significant change in number of AIVs reported per year. There is a new feature being implemented this semester, wherein students are charged with a separate, comprehensive AIV after they have been found guilty of multiple AIVs.

The committee reviewed the details of what happens when a student earns an F in a course as a sanction for an AIV. The grade is recorded as “XF” on the student’s transcript. After one year,
the student can petition to have the “X” removed by completing an academic integrity module, but no students have done so yet.

To publicize the details of the Academic Integrity Policy, OSRR personnel visit COAD 1000 classes and encourage faculty to include academic integrity statements on syllabi. The office would welcome the development of other informative methods. The committee discussed the need to educate not only students but faculty. If many faculty do not know about the convenient online AIV submission process and the requirement to report AIVs, perhaps an article in First Monday could help.

**Actions Taken:** none

**Additional Duties Assigned To:** none

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Next meeting date:
Monday, April 1, 2013 at 4:00 PM in Rawl Annex 142

**Items to be discussed:**

- Resolution to Faculty Senate encouraging the development of a web-based module to educate first-year students on the importance of maintaining academic integrity.
- Presentation on Plus/Minus grading system by Taylor Branch of SGA.
- Presentation on university retention and admission data by Jayne Geissler.

**Adjourned:** 5:00 PM