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COMMITTEE: Admission and Retention Policies Committee

MEETING DATE: Monday, September 8, 2014

PERSON PRESIDING: Jonathan Morris

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Allison Danell, Michael Duffy, Katie Flanagan, Amy Frank.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Edward Apetz, John Fletcher, Jayne Geissler, Derek Maher

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee, Andrew Morehead, Andrew Bowers

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## **ACTIONS OF THE MEETING**

Agenda Item: Election of officers for 2014-2015

Action Taken: Jonathan Morris elected chair; Katie Flanagan elected vice chair; Michael Duffy elected secretary

Morris will make the necessary contacts to secure a suitable replacement on the committee for Scott Curtis

New Item: Morris addressed a question raised about student concerns over the new plus/minus grading system (for example, why is a C- repeatable, and why not have an A+?). Student representatives made a presentation before the Admission and Retention Policies Committee during the 2012-2013 school year, and the committee followed up in fall 2013 on the short-term impact of plus/minus grading. Morris and Flanagan will review the facts related to the meeting with students to determine if additional questions need to be addressed.

Business Carried Over from 2013-2014:

Agenda Item: As part of the GA policy entitled FUSS (Fostering Undergraduate Student Success), the Committee will continue to investigate unifying thresholds students must meet for ratios of attempted to earned hours, as well as first and second year retention standards. Geissler stated that the university must determine its own ratio for each semester, and establish the consequences for student drops and withdrawals. She recommends aligning with the financial aid percentage, and explained the proposed timeline and regulations. Morehead suggested that the Committee complete a public relations campaign for the benefit of faculty. The new system will go into effect in fall 2015. Danell pointed out that there are 4 or 5 working groups on campus dealing with

this policy. The FUSS Group will meet next week. Geissler recommends that we start a conversation on FUSS drop and withdrawal regulations at our next meeting.

Agenda Item: The Committee will review the Grade Appeal Policy, as stated in the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI, Section 1 (subsection VIII.F) in order to consider, as Mark Sprague has requested, adding a time limit to student responses to step four before moving on to step five so that the appeals process does not drag on during the student's final semester(s). Revisions of this policy will also be reviewed in the *Undergraduate* and *Graduate University Catalogs*.

Agenda Item: The Committee will review the syllabus language in the *ECU Faculty Manual* (Part VI, Section 1 (subsections V-X)).

Discussion: Danell reported on the Admission and Retention Policies Committee's proposed revisions of the syllabus language before the April 15 Faculty Senate Meeting. The committee will review the stated concerns and revise its proposal to resubmit to the Faculty Senate in 2014-2015.

The committee adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 6, 2014 at 4:00 PM in Rawl Annex 142