COMMITTEE:  Student Academic Appellate

MEETING DATE:  May 7, 2014

PERSON PRESIDING:  Dr. Tony Polito

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Tony Polito, Jonathan Wacker, Ethan Anderson, Solveig Bosse, Jeff Coghill

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:  Greg Funaro, Mike Robinson, Liz Fogarty

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Elizabeth Forrestal, Stacey Altman, Phil Julian

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:  Rep. of Chair of Faculty (TBD), Student Government Rep., Rep. of Graduate School

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Angela Anderson, Amanda Fleming

Prior to start of official meeting, committee engaged with John Given and Mark Sprague about updating the current ECU undergraduate handbook and policy regarding the official route of medical appeals. Also discussion about finality of SAAC committee rulings (whether they can be over-ruled by Deans, Chancellors, etc).

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item:  Amendment to deadline for student submission of all information pertaining to appeals, prior to meeting date. Motion was made to move the deadline to the Wednesday prior to the date of the meeting at which the appeal will be discussed (to give one week for Registrar office to validate information and prepare for meeting.)  Motion Approved.

Agenda Item: Late/Retroactive Drops
Discussion:  Three appeals were tabled for various reasons. One appeal was tabled pending the assignment of final grades for the class that the student is wishing to drop (D. Davis). One tabled pending the SAAC obtaining more information from the instructor of the RCTX internship course regarding the requirements of the course, and why the student was told to drop the course (by the instructor) a full month after the drop deadline (L. Graney). One tabled pending the SAAC obtaining more information to back up student’s claim that the ART1020 course she wished to drop
mandates that she physically be present in the class, and cannot participate remotely (A. Shenk).

**Action Taken:** 3 Tabled, 2 Denied = 5 appeals

**Agenda Item:** Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals

**Discussion:** Two appeals were tabled. One tabled pending the SAAC obtaining proof from the student that she did indeed receive a refund from the university for the course that she withdrew from in 2005 (A. Danner). One tabled for identical reason as student L. Graney above (same instructor and class, same situation).

**Action Taken:** 2 Tabled, 4 Approved, 2 Denied = 8 appeals

**Agenda Item:** Suspension

**Discussion:** na

**Action Taken:** Not Heard, action being taken by Registrar’s office

**Agenda Item:** Accept transfer credit or waive ENGL requirement to graduate Spring 2014

**Discussion:** na

**Action Taken:** Approved

**Agenda Item:** Waive HU/FA requirement to graduate in Spring 2014

**Discussion:** na

**Action Taken:** Approved

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, May 7, 2014