9/12/14
COMMITTEE: Student Academic Appellate

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2014, 3pm

PERSON PRESIDING: Dr. Andrew Morehead & Dr. Tony Polito

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Robinson (for Jonathan Wacker), Greg Funaro, Tony Polito, Solveig Bosse, Jeff Coghill, Kim Stokes, Ralph Scott

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: Ethan Anderson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Forrestal (Rep of Chancellor), Lynn Roeder (Rep of Interim Provost & VC for Academic Affairs), Stacey Altman (Rep of the Chair of the Faculty)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep of Assoc. VC, Rep of Faculty Senate, Rep of Student Body

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Morehead, John Given, Angela Anderson, Lori Lee, Sherrel Harris

ACTIONS OF MEETING
Agenda Item: Officer Elections
Discussion: The committee held elections for three positions.
Action: The following officers were elected:
Chair: Tony Polito
Vice Chair: Greg Funaro
Secretary: Solveig Bosse

Announcements (Andrew Morehead)
- The committee must be respectful of FERPA regulations.
- The committee should work efficiently by reviewing materials beforehand and seeking help from other offices or committees as necessary.
- The committee should review its own charge and ensure that it reflects the work and workload properly. Suggestion for changes will be considered by the Faculty Senate.

Announcements (Tony Polito)
- A student whose appeal SAAC denied and who contacted committee members afterwards had a meeting with other university officials. The situation has been resolved.
- The chancellor has overruled one of SAAC's denied appeals and readmitted a student athlete.
- A homepage with misleading information about excused absences from the Dean of Students has been fixed.
- The deadline for the submission of documents for consideration by SAAC has been moved up. The documents are now available for review on Sharepoint for all committee members typically on the Monday before a Wednesday meeting.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes
Discussion: -
Action: All outstanding minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: Approval of Annual Report
Discussion: The report has typos that need to be fixed.

Action: The approval was tabled until revisions have been made.

Action Item: Meeting times
Discussion: -
Action: Meeting times were set at 3-5pm (first Wednesday of each month).

Agenda Item: tabled cases from May concerning internships
Discussion: The relevant department has been made aware of the issues.
Action: 2 petitions approved

Agenda Item: Summer Meetings and Sharepoint Voting
Discussion: It worked this summer but further discussion might be necessary.
Action: tabled for further discussion

Agenda Item: Medical Withdrawals
Discussion: There was at least one case in which the medical withdrawal committee denied a withdrawal. SAAC also denied the withdrawal. The student provided new information the medical withdrawal committee. They consequently approved the withdrawal; yet, according to the catalog our decisions are final. Clarification on this issue of whose decision is final is still needed.
Action: tabled (more information needed)

Agenda Item: Appeal deadlines precede submission of final grades
Discussion: -
Action: tabled for further discussion

Agenda Item: Appeals categorized as “other”
Discussion: -
Action: 2 approved, 1 denied = 3 appeals

Action Item: Drop Policy
Discussion: -
Action: 2 approved, 2, denied, 3 tabled = 7 appeals

Agenda Item: Withdrawals
Discussion: -
Action: 5 tabled = 5 appeals

Meeting adjourned at 4pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 1, 2014