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**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

2022-2023 Academic Year

COMMITTEE:

Membership (include ex-officio members) Eli Hvastkovs(**chair**): Stephanie Jung-in Bae (sec), Michael Baker (VC), Jennifer Matthews, Lynne Murphy, Amy Frank, Cynthia Wagoner **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Angela Anderson, Steven Asby, Shannon Baker Powell, Chukwudi Ubah

Meeting Dates (include members present).

9-12-22: Organizational

10-3-22: PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Baker, Cynthia Wagoner, Jennifer Matthews REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Murphy, Amy Frank, Stephanie Jung-in Bae EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Heidi Puckett, Shannon Baker Powell, Chukwudi Ubah, Angela Anderson, Steven Asby OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: n/a

11-7-22: PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Baker, Stephanie Bae REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Murphy, Amy Frank, Cynthia Wagoner, Jennifer Matthews EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chukwudi Ubah OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker

1-9-23: PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Baker, Lynn Murphy, Jennifer Matthews, Cynthia Wagoner, Stephanie Bae REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Frank EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Anderson, Steven Asby, Shannon Baker Powell, Chukwudi Ubah OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker

2-6-23: PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Baker, Lynn Murphy, Jennifer Matthews, Cynthia Wagoner, Stephanie Bae REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Frank EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Anderson, Steven Asby, Shannon Baker Powell, Chukwudi Ubah OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker, Lisa Ellison

4-4-23: PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Baker, Lynn Murphy, Jennifer Matthews, Cynthia Wagoner, Stephanie Bae REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Frank EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Anderson, Steven Asby EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Shannon Baker Powell, Chukwudi Ubah OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker, Anne Ticknor

Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).

Holistic Academic Review Committee Assignments: Michael Baker, Stephanie Jung-in Bae

Accomplishments during the year. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate.

- Grade Replacement Policy Update – updated language to the GRP in UG Catalog allowing students to grade replace special courses (i.e. directed study, research hours, etc.). Presented to faculty senate and passed.
- University Excused Absence Policy: Previous year carry-over, we updated the verbiage in accordance with Fac. Senate wishes, and presented updated policy to Senate where it passed.
- Office Hour Policy: Previous year carry-over, we updated the verbiage in accordance with Fac. Senate wishes, and presented updated policy to Senate where it passed.
- Academic Integrity Violation Policy: Continued to work with the university on AIV policy revisions.
- Transfer student guidelines: Worked with WAC Committee to remove ENGL 1100 as a requirement for transfer students.

Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).

Nov. 1, 2022:

RESOLUTION #22-58

Professor Hvastkovs (Chemistry), Chair of the Committee, first presented proposed revisions to ECU Faculty Manual Part VI., Section I., Subsection X. Class attendance and Participation Regulations. The Committee first presented revisions to the Faculty Senate at the March 29, 2022 meeting. The Faculty Senate provided feedback and voted to send the revisions back for further consideration by the Committee. The Committee addressed the feedback from Faculty Senate in the proposed revisions. The revisions to ECU Faculty Manual Part VI., Section I., Subsection X. Class attendance and Participation Regulations were approved as presented.

RESOLUTION #22-59

Professor Hvastkovs then presented proposed revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Academic Regulations, Grading System, Grade Replacement Policy. The Committee proposed revisions to address a request from the Student Academic Appellate Committee for clarification of the policy in the catalog when applied to special topics courses, specifically if the topic is different in the second attempted course. There was no discussion and the revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Academic Regulations, Grading System, Grade Replacement Policy were approved as presented.

Dec 6, 2022

RESOLUTION #22-66

Professor Hvastkovs (Chemistry) presented proposed revisions to ECU Faculty Manual, Part VI., Section I., Subsection II. Office Hours. He noted that needs have changed since the policy was presented years ago to encourage student/faculty interaction. Due to recent changes they thought it was time to update the office hour requirements. There were no questions and the proposed revisions were approved by the Faculty Senate as submitted by general consent.

RESOLUTION #22-67

Professor Hvastkovs then went on to present Proposed revisions to ECU Faculty Manual Part VIII., Section I., Subsection II.A. Teaching Responsibilities. This revision is just to bring this area of the Faculty Manual in line with the changes that were just approved, which adds one line of text. There were no questions regarding the proposed revisions and the revision passed the Faculty Senate by general consent.

Feb 21, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-16

Professor Hvastkovs (Chemistry) presented proposed revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Academic Regulations, Attendance and Participation. He explained that the revisions were meant to align the catalog with revisions that were made to similar information in the ECU Faculty Manual. There was no discussion, and the proposed revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Academic Regulations, Attendance and Participation were approved as presented.

RESOLUTION #23-17

Professor Hvastkovs then presented proposed revisions to ECU Faculty Manual Part VI., Section I., Subsection X. Class Attendance and Participation Regulations. The Division of Student Affairs requested that the Committee consider additional revisions, and the Committee approved some of those. There was no discussion, and the proposed revisions to ECU Faculty Manual Part VI., Section I., Subsection X. Class Attendance and Participation Regulations were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION #23-18

Professor Hvastkovs then presented proposed revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Academic Regulations, Admission and Readmission, Transfer Students. These revisions were made after the recommendation from the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee to remove the requirement, and the hope is that it would ease the way for transfer students to come in. Instead of requiring the course for prior to admission, they can enroll in the course when they come to ECU and take it here. There was no discussion, and the proposed revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Academic Regulations, Admission and Readmission, Transfer Students were approved as presented.

RESOLUTION #23-19

Professor Hvastkovs then presented proposed revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Admission and Readmission, Veterans and Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans. He explained that although holistic review was already taking place for these prospective students, language in the catalog could be construed as barring that option, so they wanted to make it clear that this option was open to these students as well. There was no discussion, and the proposed revisions to University Undergraduate Catalog, Admission and Readmission, Veterans and Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans were approved as presented.

April, 25 2023

Professor Hvastkovs (Chemistry), Chair of the Committee, presented an update on the status of revisions to East Carolina University Faculty Manual Part VI., Section II. Academic Integrity. He stated the academic integrity violations (AIV) policy that was approved by the Faculty Senate in 2022, had been held in the Chancellor's Office and that a special work group was convened to review the policy further. He, along with a representative from the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSSR) and Office of University Counsel formed the work group with a few other faculty. He said recommendations presented to the faculty on that special work group were to move the AIV policy from the Faculty Manual to the University Policies Manual and he discussed challenges presented from the OSSR Office. He stated that overall the current ECU AIV Policy aligns closely with other UNC System schools but said the OSSR indicated their need for more authority from the Chancellor. He discussed how the Chancellor's Office decided to make this policy an official PRR without additional faculty guidance or consent and feels this does not align with ECU's strong history of shared governance. He stated he is unsure how the faculty should respond to this loss of control of academic integrity matters but welcomes the Faculty Senate's input on how to move forward with a response.

Fac Senate, after discussion, voted on the following statement, which was sent to the Chancellor:

Whereas, Academic integrity is the application of pertinent personal virtues, such as honesty, responsibility, authenticity, honor, and justice, to academic work. Academic integrity is a cornerstone value of the intellectual community at East Carolina University. Academic integrity is required for students to derive optimal benefit from their educational experience and their pursuit of knowledge. Violating the principle of academic integrity damages the reputation of the university and undermines its educational mission. Without the assurance of

integrity in academic work, including research, degrees from the university lose value; and the world beyond campus (graduate schools, employers, colleagues, neighbors, etc.) learns that it cannot trust credits, or a diploma earned at ECU. For these reasons, academic integrity is required of every ECU student. Whereas, The faculty responsibility for academic integrity matters, the education aspects surrounding academic integrity, and the handling of these steps as long as they are in compliance with UNC policies should be based on recommendations by the faculty, who know the facts of the matter, the students, the curriculum, instructional standards, and grading. Therefore be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommends retaining the Academic Integrity Policy in the East Carolina University Faculty Manual.

Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).

- AIV Policy in limbo, but now it is in the purview of the Provost's office (Office of Student Affairs)
- Revisit the PLA policy progress

Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).

- A. Charge: Satisfactory
- B. Personnel: Satisfactory
- C. Attendance: Satisfactory
- D. Responsibilities: Satisfactory
- E. Activities: Satisfactory

Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty for improving the effectiveness of the committee. N/a

Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year?
If yes, when do you prefer: n/a

Signed:
Chairperson:



Vice Chair:

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Michael Baker
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Please forward the completed, approved annual report to the Faculty Senate office via email (faculty senate@ecu.edu) no later than May 15, 2023.