

COMMITTEE: Admissions & Retention Policies

MEETING DATE: November 4, 2019

PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Guglielmo Fucci, David Hisle, and Joshua Gardner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Anderson, Gregory Lapicki, Jean-Luc Scemama, and Steven Asby

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Colin Johnson

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the October meeting

Discussion: Gregory Lapicki pointed out to the committee a few typos to be corrected.

Action Taken: Eli Hvastkovs moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved by the committee with the corrections pointed out by Gregory Lapicki. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Assigned additional duties to:

Agenda Item: Update on Academic Integrity Violations

Discussion: Eli Hvastkovs informed the committee that in the latest draft of the AIV policy the names of the meetings that occur throughout the process of investigation of AIV's have changed. Gregory Lapicki presented to the committee a proposal to change some parts of the draft of the AIV policy. The first suggestion regarded the addition of the words "course, program, and university" to section VI.A.3.c to the draft. A second suggestion was to add to the policy instructions on how to proceed if the faculty member, pursuing the AIV, and the Chair of his/her department disagree on the sanctions to impose to the student. After a discussion of the role that the Chair has in the process of evaluation and recommendation of the sanctions, the committee agreed that such mechanism to settle the disagreement between faculty and Chair is perhaps not suited for an AIV policy which is more geared toward students. Fucci suggested that the Chair of the committee ask the Chair of the Faculty whether the proposal of such mechanism falls under the charge of the A&RP Committee or the Grievance Committee.

Action Taken: Eli Hvastkovs moved to approve the addition of "course, program, and university" to section VI.A.3.c to the draft. Fucci seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Assigned additional duties to:

Agenda Item: Discussion regarding Zero-cost Textbooks

Discussion: Colin Johnson updated the committee on the work that the SGA is doing in bringing more transparency to the cost of textbooks. He mentioned that the SGA is working in conjunction with the University Bookstore and other constituencies on a "Textbook Transparency Program". The program aims at letting students know, at the moment they attempt to register for classes, how much the textbooks will cost. The bookstore has already compiled a list of all available textbooks with the corresponding cost. The students are able to follow a link to a pdf of that list. Colin Johnson mentioned that the work has just started and he hopes that in the future the list will be more comprehensive and more easily accessible to the students.

Action Taken:

Assigned additional duties to:

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2019

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: