

**COMMITTEE:** Admissions & Retention Policies

**MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2019

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Jay Newhard

**REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Newhard, Guglielmo Fucci, David Hisle, and Mary Tucker-McLaughlin

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Eleanor Chappell, Jayne Geissler, Angela Anderson

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mandy Messerli

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## **ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item: Proposed revision to ECU Degrees with Distinction Policy

Discussion: The committee reviewed the revisions to the ECU Degrees with Distinction Policy which were suggested in order to exclude international credits when calculating a student grade point average and to reduce ambiguity and improve clarity for students taking classes abroad.

Action Taken: David Hisle moved to approve the revisions, Jay Newhard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the January meeting

Action Taken: Jay Newhard moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved by the committee. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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Agenda Item: Student Visitor to Class with neither Prior Notice nor Permission

Discussion: Jay Newhard drafted and presented a statement to be added to the Undergraduate Catalog regarding a person attending class who is not registered for the course, and who has neither notified nor obtained permission from the instructor. Jayne Geissler suggested to add language in the policy concerning restrictions due to fire code violations. The committee also discussed some further editorial changes.

Action Taken: Jayne Geissler moved to approve the policy as amended. Guglielmo Fucci seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item: Revisions to Academic Integrity Policy

Discussion: Jay Newhard identified a number of areas of concern regarding the academic integrity policy. The committee decided to leave hyperlinks in the documents and also provide enough information so that the reader can find the desired content in case a hyperlink is broken. The committee discussed academic dishonesty that occurs among students in different sections and among students who have taken the class at different times. Related to this issue is the problem of self-plagiarism. Additionally, the committee

reviewed the standard of evidence set forth by the policy. Since there are new directives potentially forthcoming from new Title IX legislation, the committee cannot at this time determine what the standard of evidence should be. It is currently “preponderance of evidence” but it might change to “clear and convincing”. The committee also discussed the process for appeal for ordinary punishments and extraordinary punishments, such as suspension and expulsion. In case of suspension the students can appeal to the Chancellor of the University. The students can no longer appeal to the board of trustees. The committee determined that more information is needed in order to resolve some of the issues above.

Action Taken: Jay Newhard will update the draft of the academic integrity policy with the changes suggested by the committee.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

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**NEXT MEETING:** March 11, 2019

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**