

COMMITTEE: Admissions & Retention Policies

MEETING DATE: September 30, 2019

PERSON PRESIDING: Eli Hvastkovs

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Guglielmo Fucci, Jason Mose, David Hisle, Stephanie Jung-in Bae, and Joshua Gardner, Mary Tucker-McLaughlin

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Discussion on AIV updates

Discussion: Dr. Mose updated the committee on the discussions from last semester. Committee discussed the new updates that include an outline of an informal meeting, the initial informal process, and what rights to faculty have been preserved. Committee members had a question on the timeline regarding the informal discussion with students.

Action Taken: Motion was made to approve the AIV policy as written by Mary Tucker-McLaughlin and seconded by Jean-Luc Scemama. Committee approved the motion unanimously. Hvastkovs will submit to Faculty Senate.

Assigned additional duties to: Hvastkovs agreed to speak with Jerauld Pafford to get clarification on timeline point.

Agenda Item: Discussion on class attendance policy.

Discussion: Committee discussed new verbiage on policy. Dr. Lipicki asked what happens if someone wants to attend his class but not actually audit the course? Committee discussed that the course policy gives instructor the power to allow them in the class and remove them, but also gives Chancellor or designee power to allow person to attend as well.

Action Taken: Motion to approve the policy was made by Jean-Luc Scemama. Committee approved the motion unanimously. Hvastkovs will submit to Faculty Senate.

Assigned additional duties to:

Agenda Item: Open Source Book/Banner Listing

Discussion: Dr. Lipicki started the conversation related to bringing a resolution to Faculty Senate to list the use of open source textbooks for classes on Banner. Info was shared regarding OpenStax usage on a national level. Dr. Scemama suggested that a listing on Banner would allow students to choose gen ed classes based on this information. Dr. Fucci said from discussions with the student faculty rep in the committee that the cost of books was not a major factor. Also Dr. Fucci was in favor of advertising open source textbook is being used for a class. Hvastkovs agreed. Dr. Mose said that textbook cost is an issue for students and this information should be given to them before enrolling in a course. Possible cons of such a policy were discussed including students picking classes based on textbook costs driving them from one course or section to another. Dr. Hisle discussed anecdotal evidence discussing how students aren't buying books currently and use ILL to get them if needed, and open source books would remedy this. Committee agreed that more information is needed before agreeing on a final report to Faculty Senate. The committee also discussed a possibility of a joint resolution with SGA and a pitch to upper administration as this may help in recruitment efforts as well.

Action Taken: Hvastkovs agreed to reach out to Financial Aid and Dean of Students to get information on how big of problem textbook costs are and if students are taking extra money to pay for them. Also, Hvastkovs will reach out to book store to attempt to get information on book costs.

Assigned additional duties to: Dr. Lipicki will generate a list of universities that do this already to present to the committee.

Additional Item: Angela Anderson discussed two items for future discussion for the committee to consider.

- 1.Updating the forgiveness policy. The main issue was that the process for students returning on the forgiveness policy is that they have to apply to be considered. If this process was automated it would remove a hurdle for students to be readmitted to ECU and help in graduating folks that wish to return.
- 2.Updating the grade replacement policy. 3000/4000 courses can now be replaced, but students that took courses before the policy was updated are not affected, which also affects pre-requisites, and is a significant graduation/time to degree hurdle.

Updating these policies would put us in-line with other UNC schools. Committee agreed to discuss at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

NEXT MEETING: November 4, 2019

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: