ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL - MINUTES
Monday, 29 October 2018
2:00-3:00 P.M. - 107 LABORATORY OF MECHANICS

I. Call to Order at 2:10 Minutes recorder: Frank Peters


Guests: Eric Olson, Paul Bruski, Kent Kerby

II. Approval of Minutes of 24 September, 2018
Motion by Peters, second Parsa Approved 9-0.

III. Announcements: None.

V. Committee Reports:
- FS Curriculum Committee – Jacobson - no report
- Academic Standards and Admissions Committee – Peters – included below.
- Outcomes Assessment Committee – Vengrin – no report
- Student Government – Pesquera-Colom – no report

VI. Unfinished Business:
The proposal for the elimination of the Summer Option for those students in dismissal status at the end of Spring semester was sent back to the this Council from the Executive Board. They requested additional data and also language in the Catalog specifically stating that students can petition for early reinstatement. See the proposal attached. No action is needed by this Council for the Summer Option elimination as the ASAC developed the data requested by the Executive Board. Recommendation from ASAC for the following Catalog changes: approved the following changes to the Catalog regarding Reinstatement.

Add the following to #3: “The summer session is not a semester for the purpose of being out of school one semester”

Add a new item, which will become #6: “Juniors and seniors with extenuating circumstances may request a waiver of their required semesters of absence as identified in number 2 and 3 above. The petition requesting early reinstatement must be submitted to the Academic Standards Committee of their college no later than Thursday prior to the start of the term for which the student is seeking to be reinstated.”

Motion Parsa: Second Jacobson. Approved 9-0

Senate President’s Charges to the AAC Council: Diversity requirement
Wide question: what is definition of diversity and how we deliver on that, and then how to assess this. Wheeler suggested task force and involving VP of D&I office. If so, who else should be involved in this task force? Behnke agrees that if we have a diversity requirement, we should stand behind it. Processes have improved to check if new courses meet the threshold, but questions if courses that were grandfathered in meet this threshold. Jacobson reported that the proposal for periodic reevaluation of courses to see if they met the diversity requirement failed because of faculty and/or administration balked because of too much work. This council did not have the authority to remove courses from the approved list, and the process to remove courses from the list was denied 2 years ago. Where is the requirement codified? Look at history and maybe revive it.

Senate President’s Charges to the AAC Council: **Student evaluations of Teaching**: Not discussed because of a full agenda.

**VII. New Business:**

**Academic Standards and Admissions Committee charge change.** The current charge to the ASAC reads: “Considers policies and procedures related to academic standards, admissions, and advising for both prospective and enrolled undergraduate students” Peters reported that in at least the last 10 years ASAC has never discussed any items specifically related to advising. It is felt that advising is the purview of the University Academic Advising Committee.

Motion by Jacobson to remove “advising” from the ASAC charge. Second by Zaffarano Passed 9-0.

Peters reported that there was a request made from student government to allow the **Prueba de Aptitud Académica** (PAA) be used in place of the ACT/SAT for admissions decisions. ASAC is still looking at this issue but is tabled there waiting on more information from student government representatives.

**Name Change Masters of Art in Experiential Graphics Design**

Change Masters of Arts in Graphic Design to Master of Arts in Experiential Graphics Design. Same program, same students. Students could start in this new major that graduate in the semester after the semester in which this gets full Board approval. First major with this name change in the country.

Move to approve name change Peters. Second Vengrin. Passed 9-0.
New Program MS in Event Management
Undergraduate started in 2011. 36 hour MS program. All on line courses. No new courses. Targeted to mid-career student.
Move to approve new major: Jacobson. Second Vengrin. Passed 9-0.

Proposal for discontinuation – Technology and Social Change Undergraduate Minor, Graduate Minor
There has been just a few students in the last several years.
Motion to eliminate minors by Jacobson Second Behnke. Passed 9-0

New Business from the floor. – no new business

VIII. Adjournment