

**Academic Policies and Standards Committee**

Raymond Higbea, Chair 2021-2022

Agenda

March 3, 2022, 9 AM – 11 AM EDT

[Zoom Link](https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/96561307357?pwd=VGtJQVVadVk2SXVoblZibm15UVhKZz09)

Attendance

*Present:* Darien Ripple, Diane Slager, Mario Fific, Kelly Machnik, Lindsay Corneal, Nagnon Diarrassouba, Robert Bbeasecker, Todd Calrson, Carolyn Shpain-Shapirio, Catherine Jones-Rikkers, Raymond J. Higbea (chair), Suzeanne Benet, Pam Wells (guest), Mike Messner (guest)

*Excused:* Kay Losey

*Absent:* Autumn Mueller, Justin Frappier

1. Welcome
2. Report on charges reviewed by ECS and UAS
3. 9:01 AM– Raymond Higbea – Brief Report on charges

Syllabi repository – On Hold

In-person exams on election day – Table it

Rescheduled Exams during finals week– accepted

58 credit rule – passed

Review for Test optional procedures – Admissions problem

Leadership - passed

1. 9:08AM Withdrawal deadline discussion – Passed without comment

Suzeanna Benet – Opening remarks on the process

Why extend?

Guests

Pam Wells

Mike Messner – expanded on the withdrawal process

In particular the Late withdrawal after 9-week period before finals, noting paperwork.

Small % gets rejected (Ex. Change of Major)

Retroactive Withdrawal (after 15 weeks)– Academic Review Committee

Suzeanna noted that there were be less paperwork if the date is extended

Carolyn Shapiro-Sharpin- How does it work with Academic forgiveness?

Mike Messner -Pam Wells – Case by case

Todd Carlson added commentary and examples

Todd’s main concern is the randomness of some classes and not others in a particular semester

Pam Wells’ Answer – It is a challenge, but she makes decisions based on academic success

Mario Fific -What about a conflict with a professor?

Mark’s answer - Double requests in Fall 2021 - Talks with department head but does not formally put it in writing

Suzeanne Benet– The department chair needs to work with professors who have personality problems – not liking a professor is not a reason.

Carolyn – Will (as department head) sign off for mental health concerns or if it has some thing to do with their future educational direction

Pam - Moving deadline would cut down on requests

Todd – As a side note, the procedure has too many signatures

Suzeanne’s Answer to Todd – Accountability in the process

Mike – There are various tools for determining how to sign off such as refunding

 Darien – Why not give professors the ability withdrawal students that do not attend?

Diarrassouba Nagnon noted implicit bias - Some cases students want out because of IB

Raymond – Do we want to move date or spend more time researching

Lindsay Corneal - Motion to vote

Carolyn Shapiro-Sharpin – 2nd

**Vote – All in agreement to move date**

Pam – Presented the withdrawal form to be reviewed by the committee

Todd is concerned with the randomness of the process. The process needs to be better clarified.

Mike provides an historical standpoint that the process has gone from a faculty decision to that of an administrator

Raymond - Should the wording (Web-site) be changed to an either/or (faculty/department head)?

General conversation regarding the question

Conversation regarding the wording of approval vs. acknowledgment?

Raymond – Are we fine with the language?

Darien to Mike – Does the current system work

Mike – yes, in respect to the cases that he reviews. The only question is regarding the students do not appeal?

Raymond -What if the professor does not want to sign it? Does there need to have more wording or procedures?

Maybe professor or advisor?

Raymond – Recommend have the students attend with Mike next meeting

Does the professor approved or is aware of withdrawal?

List process Example step by step of various options

**Key Concerns to be Pondered:**

**Should the wording (Web-site) be changed to an either/or (faculty/department head)?**

**Review the wording of approval vs. acknowledgment**

**Should the professor or advisor sign form?**

**Should an option list for withdrawal be created associate with a calendar of events?**

1. 10:39 AM Resolution (Diane)

Introduced Topic – AAUP – Proactive in K-12 Education & High Education

Discussion about Academic Freedom – In particular Critical Race Theory and other Wicked Problems

1. 10:42AMScholarships and Department Criteria (Carolyn)

$8,000.00 Scholarship -the essay portion of the history essay was taken out

Does University Development have Authority? Or does the History Department have Authority?

1. Adjourn – 10:45