



Academic Policies and Standards Committee

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Re: Year-end report

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The charge for the APSC in 2019-20 was as follows:

Based on data from the Institutional Analysis office and discussions, AVP Suzeanne Benet was asked to form a task force to continue a pilot program for an Academic Forgiveness Policy. Complete this pilot project by the end of the Fall 2019 semester to inform a comprehensive academic forgiveness policy.

Progress report on the charge:

The committee's work on the undergraduate Academic Forgiveness pilot program and policy draft included the following tasks:

1. In the Fall 2019 semester, APSC completed the review of phase II of the pilot program, implemented the last phase III of the pilot, began analyzing student data obtained from the pilots I-II, and consulted with the Legal Office, the Division of Inclusion and Equity, and the Office of Financial Aid.

Starting in January 2020, APSC have worked on:

2. Review of phase III applications in collaboration with Academic Review Committee.
Status: completed.
3. Compiling and analyzing a range of student data from the phases I, II, and III of the pilot program, including evaluation of the program's impact on students' success and retention.
Status: completed. We have collected data from all the applications (among others: GPA, credits earned, credits transferred, history of major selections) as well as tracked students' progress after the academic forgiveness was granted.

4. Preparing the draft of the Undergraduate Academic Forgiveness Policy.
Status: completed. The draft of the Academic Forgiveness policy for Undergraduate Students was submitted to the ECS on March 4, 2020.

5. **ECS discussed the proposed policy during meetings on March 13 and 19, 2020, approved the policy on March 19, and forwarded it to the UAS with a recommendation to approve. UAS approved the policy on April 3, 2020.**

Additional charge related to COVID-19 emergency.

APSC met on Apr 12 to develop temporary policies as a response to the COVID-19 emergency and the need to close down all face-to-face activities across the University. Memo describing the policies was submitted on Apr 12 and discussed with ECS on Apr 13. The document was revised as requested during this discussion and the revised version was approved by the ECS at the same meeting on Apr 13.