

APSC Meeting 11/5/2020

In attendance: Jae Basiliere (JB), Robert Beasecker (RB), Suzeanne Benet (SB), Todd Carlson (TC), Lindsay Corneal (LC), Nagnon Diarrassouba (ND), Raymond Higbea (RH), Lori Koste (LK), Kay Losey (KL), Autumn Mueller (AM)(student representative), Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin (CSS), Dianne Slager (DS), Kristen Vu (KV), Mikhila Wildey (MW)

1. Agenda for meeting

2. Approval of Minutes for APSC meeting of 10/1/2020

Motion by ND, Second by TC. Approved, zero opposed.

3. Fall 2020 Covid-based student absence and attendance policy – extension for Winter 2021?

Concerns expressed: student engagement, student health/safety, different teaching modalities (synchronous/asynchronous, etc.), general policy as opposed to course-mode specific.

Motion: Keep attendance policy for Winter 2021, but add a statement at the beginning of it emphasizing the importance of attendance and engagement.

Motion by RH. Second by MW. Approved; zero opposed; zero abstained.

4. Extend late withdrawal policy and extend CR/NC option (special policies approved for Fall 2020) for Winter 2021?

No issues with these two policies based on feedback from Provost's office.

Withdrawal with a W deadline currently 3/19/21. Moving it to end of week 12 (identical to Fall 2020 timing).

Motion to move Winter 2021 Withdrawal with a W deadline to April 9th, 5 pm.

Motion by LK. Second by ND. Approved; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Motion to extend CR/NC decision window to two weeks for Winter 2021.

Motion by TC. Second by KL. Approved; zero opposed; zero abstained.

5. Student bereavement policy

Peer institution research conducted. Some have a policy, some don't. After discussion, motion to add "bereavement for an individual of significant relationship" as excused item #8 to current attendance policy.

Motion by MW. Second by LK. Approved; zero opposed; zero abstained.

After the vote, there was a suggestion to also consider adding "personal crisis" as an excused absence in the future.

6. Credit for prior learning experience

Currently, College of Engineering providing tests for GVSU course credit. Designated as earned through internal test.

In Winter 2021, LEADS in Brooks will offer a portfolio course with documentation to demonstrate necessary proficiency.

Documents related to this topic are available on bb. Committee should research this issue, seeking policies at other institutions that address this issue. Topics of interest for the research include: limits on # of credit hours, peer institution policies, 58 credits at senior institution affected by this issue.

GVSU has graduate policy on this issue already.

Possible search terms for this issue were discussed. KV will include in the spreadsheet used to capture data.

Research to be completed by committee members in December, so APSC December meeting cancelled.

7. January meeting currently scheduled for 1/14/21, prior to start of Winter 2021 semester. No objections to leaving it as scheduled. Meeting adjourned.