

APSC Meeting Minutes

7/20/2020

Present for virtual meeting Nagnon Diarrassouba, Mikhila Wildey, Suzeanne Benet (ex-officio from Provost's office), Todd Carlson, Raymond Higbea, Kristen Vu, Eric Szczepaniak (student member), Dianne Slager, Kay Losey, Lindsay Corneal, Robert Beasecker, Lori Koste, Jae Basiliere

Meeting was called to order at 11:03am EST.

- I. Introductions
- II. Approve meeting minutes from last meeting – Dianne motions to approve, Lori seconds: 10 Aye's, 0 Nay's, 2 Abstentions; Motion approved
- III. Charge: Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies
 - a. Policies that were approved in the winter 2020:
 - i. Extend late withdrawal deadline
 - ii. Require faculty feedback on student performance prior to the deadline (intended to be sure students had feedback of how they are doing online)
 - iii. No student would have a drop in academic standing based on grades from the winter term
 - iv. Students had two weeks from the time grades were posted to switch their grade to CR/NC. University limits on number of courses eligible for CR/NC was removed.
 - b. Discussion: Extending late withdrawal deadline (also CR/NC extension)
 - i. October 30 is current late withdrawal deadline;
 - ii. Some people believe that if we extend it this semester, should we extend it in the long-term as well?
 - iii. Most agree to extend it this semester, but it doesn't have to be a decision right now to extend it permanently. Perhaps table the permanency for a future discussion post-COVID.
 - iv. Todd said that it may create students less likely to try as hard earlier on in courses.
 1. Kristen responded that the ability to change to credit/no credit was more likely to create problems than the late withdrawal
 2. Suzeanne – they did over 2300 requests for credit/no credit after the semester was over; average grades for Winter 2020 were higher than most semesters
 - v. Lori – suggested we talk about late withdrawal and CR/NC options decisions separately.
 - vi. Eric's concerns – Would like to see some leeway for students to switch into alternative sections. Would also like some discussion about spring/summer semesters and any changes made for students taking courses those semesters.
 1. Suzeanne – ECS/UAS did not charge us with spring/summer changes, and the thought is that it was not being considered
 2. Lori agrees to ignore spring/summer

- vii. Lori motions to extend late withdrawal to Friday November 20th at 5pm. Nagnon seconds it. 11 Aye's, 0 Nay's, 1 Abstention; Motion passed
 - c. Discussion: Extending deadline to declare class as CR/NC
 - i. Discussing giving students one additional week to declare a course as CR/NC (versus only one week which is the original policy).
 - 1. Todd motions that we do not recommend that we continue the previous CR/NC policy (from winter 2020). Raymond seconds the motion. 12 Aye's, 0 Nay's, 0 Abstentions; Motion passed
 - 2. Eric motions to extend the ability to change from CR to NC to September 11th at 5pm for the fall 2020 semester. Jae seconds the motion. 12 Aye's, 0 Nay's, 0 Abstentions; Motion passed
 - d. Discussion: Requiring faculty feedback on student performance prior to the deadline.
 - i. This was likely just because of the significant changes made part way through the semester.
 - 1. Lori motions to not extend the past semester recommendation where faculty were required to provide feedback prior to the extended withdrawal deadline. Todd seconds the motion. 11 Aye's, 0 Nay's, 1 Abstention; Motion passed
 - e. Discussion: Students wouldn't have a drop in their academic standing based on grades from the winter term.
 - i. Question is if this is now being asked to be considered from the spring/summer term (i.e., students wouldn't have a drop in their academic standing based on grades from the spring/summer term).
 - ii. Suzanne: helps protect students from being dismissed that would have been in jeopardy of dismissal
 - iii. Lindsay motions to not extend the recommendation that student's academic performance should not be lowered based on their performance before the university returns to fall 2020. Dianne seconds the motion. 11 Aye's, 1 Nay, 0 Abstentions; Motion passed
- IV. Charge: Considering other academic policies in light of COVID-19
 - a. Discussion points:
 - i. Attendance requirements
 - ii. How to get an "excused" absence
 - iii. What happens for students who may be asymptomatic?
 - iv. Options for faculty working with ill students, quarantined students, or those providing care for individuals who are ill with COVID-19 or related illnesses.
 - b. Discussion: Attendance requirements
 - i. Lindsay: probably should just make a policy that attendance can't impact grade for the fall
 - ii. Questions about students have to report an absence? Or, just having a policy where attendance is not grade dependent.
 - iii. Lori motions to say that we have a temporary policy that we would not have a attendance policy that directly affects grades. This would mean that notes from health care providers are not necessary for "excused" absences, and students

who are asymptomatic can self-isolate/quarantine at any time if they are concerned about COVID-19. Jae seconds the motion. 10 Aye's, 0 Nay's, 0 Abstentions (2 people left when this was voted).

Meeting Adjourned 1:09pm EST

Recorder: Mikhila Wildey