Education Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 26, 2021

Members: Thomas Hanford, Maaike Oldemans, Abby Thomas, Carol Van Der Karr, Chris Widdall, Eric Edlund, Lindsey Darvin, Jeffrey Walkuski, Margaret Gichuru, Alyson Dearie, Laura Dunbar, Kirsten Gielenfeldt, Jessica Liberty

Guests:Nancy Diller

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| **Topic** | **Comments/Discussion** | **Action** |
| **Approval of Minutes** | Minutes reviewed, no discussion.  | **Minutes accepted.**  |
| **Announcements**  | * The EPC proposal Language Change to the 415.03 Examination Policies of the College Handbook was sent to Faculty on March 23, 2021, for college communities’ feedback on the proposed changes.
* By March 26, 2021, we received 6 faculty responses.
* Chris Widdall thanked all who worked on this document.
 | * **Chris Widdall will gather the feedback and inform the EPC.**
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| **Old Business** | * SGA Document 340.03 PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING THE VIOLATION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
* General discussion about language, wording, clearness: Specifics that were discussed:
* Eric Edlund recommends making more edits and improve overall language.
* Chris Widdall agrees, she updated language regarding pronounces after discussion with Carol Van Der Karr and Laura Davies
* There is a general need to get a better understanding of wordings in the document:
* **File;** confusion about what is meant with file (throughout the document).
* Jeff Walkuski indicates that students should be included in the **subset.** The subset should be a representation of both faculty and students. We need clarification about the meaning of subset.
* Jessica Liberty states that there should be clarification in those cases that faculty do not show up for the hearing. There are subs for students.
* We need clarification about the meaning of subset. *(Part Two: The Academic Grievance Tribunal, A. Composition.)*
* Discussion about the **meaning of disqualification**: Chris Widdall and Eric Edlund explain that this may happen if there is a conflict of interest.
* Discussion about the **number of students** in the AGT panel: undergraduates, and graduates. *(Part Two: The Academic Grievance Tribunal, A. Composition)*
* Eric Edlund would like more clarification about “**The denial of quilty finding**”. Jessica Liberty mentions that this is meant for students so they can appeal. (*Part Two: The Academic Grievance Tribunal, B)*
* **Academic Suspension**: Chris Widdall wonders if students get a clean set after the suspension, or if violation will remain on the transcript, which was confirmed by Tom Hanford. Abby Thomas suggests removing “deferred” suspension. *Part Two: The Academic Grievance Tribunal, F)*
* **Academic advisor**: there should be a better clarification of the meaning of academic advisor: *(350.02 Academic Grievance Procedures A1)*
* Students have more advisors.
* Should be advisor of choice for the student.
* “faculty member of students choice” as indicated by Eric Eklund and Jeff Walkuski
* Flexibility of choice is important (Jessica Liberty)
* Should Dept Chair be included?
 | * **Chris Widdall will contact Eunice Miller to discuss the meaning of “File”.**
* **Chris Widdall will contact Timothy Delaune for clarification about “Subset”.**
* **Chris Widdall will contact Timothy Delaune to discuss the formation of the AGT Panel.**
* **Chris Widdall will contact Timothy Delaune to get clarification about the meaning of advisor.**
* **Chris Widdall will invite Eunice Miller and Timothy Delaune for one of the EPC’s next meetings.**
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| **New Business**  | No new business.  |  |
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| **Adjourned** | 11:00 AM |  |
|  | Respectfully submitted by Maaike Oldemans, March 30, 2021 |  |