

Education Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 8, 2021

Faculty/Staff Members: Lindsey Darvin, Alyson Dearie, Eric Edlund, Margaret Gichuru, Maaike Oldemans, Abby Thomas, Jeff Walkuski, Chris Widdall

Student Members: none

Ex-Officio Members: Holly Doty, Carol Van Der Karr

Guests: Nancy Diller

Members Absent: none

Topic	Comments/Discussion	Action
Approval of minutes	Review of minutes from September 24.	Minutes approved. Check to see if meeting minutes should be posted to website. Would be a good idea to retroactively post minutes.
General discussion	Eric working on creating a recurring meeting in Teams rather than the previously established WebEx link.	
Old business	Review edits of sections 340.03 and 350.022 After last meeting, edits were sent to T. Delaune for feedback. Discussion of his feedback . <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Suggested that we not include the word “alleged” when referring to a violation so as not to undermine the authority of the instructor.- Use of word “misconduct” did not seem to be an accurate description. Suggested edit of “academic integrity violation”- Additional suggestions of small language changes with limited impact- Discussion on opening up the role of a witness to staff,	Continued discussion on this document at next meeting before sending to SGA. Feedback from SGA will be collected before sending on to Faculty Senate.

	<p>rather than just faculty. Purpose of witness is to be a third-party witness to what is discussed and assist the student in understanding the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the various roles staff play and the support they can provide to students. As well as administrators who may be as student’s academic advisor. - Committee feels witness could be faculty or staff with no restrictions. - Remove the word impartial when referring to the witness. - Agreed that shift to five-day deadline made sense. - Reinforce the instructor of record makes the finding. - Check with SGA to see if we want to move to an email system of communication. - EPC wants to clarify that the AGT could increase or decrease a penalty rather than just increase. Concern that students would not appeal because of fear of making their situation worse. AGT chair, in consultation with the panel should make this decision. “If a finding of guilt is upheld by the AGT then it can increase or decrease the penalty based on ...” - Update language to say “subsequent or further violation” rather than a number (second or third). - Witness/advisor should be someone internal to campus - Faculty or staff can serve in this role - Is there a rational for not including students as a witness? Ask SGA what they think of adding student 	
New business	No new business discussed	
Action items (to-do list)		
Adjourned		Meeting adjourned at: 11:01

	Respectfully submitted by Abby Thomas, 10-08-2021	
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