

Education Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 6 October 2023

Faculty/Staff Members: Karen Dafoe, Ryan Davis, Eric Edlund, Margaret Gichuru, Christina Knopf, Jason Parks, Abby Thomas, Jeff Walkuski, Chris Widdall

Student Members: none

Ex-Officio Members: Carol Van Der Karr, Jennifer Martin Tse

Guests: Nancy Diller, **Darci Contri**

Members Absent: Jeff Walkuski

Topic	Comments/Discussion	Action
Approval of minutes		Minutes approved for 9/8 & 9/22
General discussion/announcements		
Old business	<p>Darci presented proposed increase to credit limits for non-degree learners, addressing policies/language in the Undergrad Catalog, Grad Catalog, Handbook – proposal was vetted with Registrar, Academic Affairs, GFEC, and other offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifications sought and made about credit limits, about HS enrollment/HS classes, HS attributes are tracked and are small – only have 3 agreements for college in the high school (East Syracuse, Homer, Epstein School/ TC3 has large territory of HS), about study abroad students (made revisions to distinguish more clearly between HS students and college study abroad students). 	Chris moved to accept with edits suggested to go out for vetting. Abby second. Approved.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications about the 5-year clock for graduate admissions. Chris asked if a clock could be reset for the UG level as well. • Do we get people petitioning to go over our current limits? No formal process, one person in registrar office who checks. Chris – a statement about “special permission”. Darcy wants proposal to go forward as is and then revisit it down the road so we don’t make admissions tricky. PRGR also allows students to have status as needed in many of these cases. <p>Returned to discussion on AGT policy regarding course withdrawal</p>	<p>Carol will draft two options for next meeting.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric sent email to Assoc Deans and got feedback, very different from Vince and Eileen. Suggests inviting Assoc Deans to talk with us to better understand the variations: Vince suggested changing things for a hard stop because of financial aid and other overriding factors that would make him want to maintain the authority. The policy seems overly punitive. • Carol and Nancy looked at form. Form specifies that student “in violation” may not withdraw. Are we talking about not withdrawing after a finding or not withdrawing after the process started. • We need an AGT policy with standards, but there are also real student concerns connected to fairness and equity/long term success. • Our policy does not REQUIRE any signature other than the student’s to withdraw from the course. The additional signatures are there to protect the student by 	

encouraging conversations about the impact of the withdraw.

- Do we make the distinction/cut off between the process and the official finding?
- There is also the larger process if multiple guilties are found. There is still a record of the process being initiated. Chris gave the example of a student who had already completed a course helping another student cheat. Student got an AGT record but no grade/course impact.
- AGT process can proceed even with the withdraw.
- We cannot create a policy that meets every contingent.
- Some schools charge withdrawal fees.
- Education has a disposition policy.
- Sentiments about giving the students freedom to withdraw as long as the AGT process continues.
- Eric – let's summarize it into a 3-4 questions and invite the deans to discuss. Eileen and Vince had different opinions
- We need to boil it down to what we have and what we need.
- Abby - we need to make sure we go back to AGT policy for appropriate clarification about the continuation of the process even if the student withdraws. The big question seems to be that students are skirting consequences.
- Can students withdraw without approval? This is the question. Can we create a document that we can vote on?
- Jennifer supports no withdrawal after finding.
- Carol – policy vs. clarification. Are we or are we not removing the statement from the form that says the student can't withdraw?

New business		
Adjourned		Meeting adjourned at: 11:04 AM
	Respectfully submitted by Christina Knopf, 19 October 2023	

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