NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE (APASC)

Minutes of Meeting #195
September 16, 2015

APPROVED

Present: T. Adeboje (Student/SA Dir. Of Acad Affairs); A. Birberick (Vice Provost); G. Conderman for S. Johnston-Rodriguez (EDU/SEED); S. Estes (ADVISING DEANS); D. Gorman (LAS/ENGL); E. Klonoski (Acting Assoc. Vice Provost); S. Marsh (BUS/MBMT); M. Parks (VPA); J. Umoren (HHS); J. Wolfskill (LAS/MATH); D. Zinger (EET/TECH)

Ex Officio: S. Eaton (EDUC SERV & PROG); C. Garvey (ADMISSIONS);

Absent: A. Lenert (Student COMD/HHS); M. Pickett, (AAC Director/guest); K. Saalfeld (TRANSFER CENTER); D. Rollins (ADMISSIONS)

Visitors: J. Montag (REGISTRATION AND RECORDS); J. Ratfield (VICE PROVOST ADMIN. ASST); D. Smith (CATALOG/ CURRICULUM COORDINATOR)

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

S. Marsh made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by G. Conderman adding an item to New Business C. PLUS initiative announcement by Ed Klonoski and changing the order of New Business items, handling B. Items from CUC first. Motion passed unanimously.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

All committee members introduced themselves.

III. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

E. Klonoski nominated S. Estes for chair of the committee, seconded by S. Marsh. Motion passed by acclamation.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.
V. NEW BUSINESS

   Items from CUC:

   **College of Education #11**

   There was discussion regarding the ambiguity of the minimum 2.75 GPA required for these KNPE courses.

   KNPE 302 – New Course
   Add **cumulative** to minimum 2.75 GPA for clarification. A motion was made by G. Conderman, seconded by S. Marsh. **Motion passed unanimously.**

   KNPE 303 – New Course
   Add **cumulative** to minimum 2.75 GPA for clarification. A motion to approve was made by J. Umoren, seconded by D. Gorman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

   KNPE 335 – Course revision
   Add **cumulative** to the minimum 2.75 GPA for clarification. A motion was made by S. Marsh, seconded by J. Umoren. **Motion passed unanimously.**

   **College of Liberal Arts & Sciences #14**

   Under Academic Regulations
   Other Academic Policies
   Undergraduates in Graduate Courses for Undergraduate Credit and
   Undergraduate in Courses for Graduate Credit

   **Students in accelerated degree programs are exempt from this provision. Instead, student in accelerated degree programs should adhere to the requirements of that program.**

   There was discussion regarding whether this exemption would allow students to enroll in courses other than those in their accelerated programs. It was discussed that departments could issue permits for the courses as a way to administer this rather than listing the exemption.

   A motion to approve the language change was made by S. Marsh, seconded by D. Gorman. **Motion failed, all voting members opposed.**
Other Catalog Change
Department of Political Science
Professional Educator Licensure – Social Sciences: Political Science
Admission

Language update from Six Year (3+3) Integrated to Accelerated B.S. or B.A./J.D. program in Political Science and College of Law.

A motion to approve the change in language was make by D. Zinger, seconded by J. Umoren. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Other catalog Change
Accelerated B.S. or B.A./J.D. Program in Political Science and the College of Law
Accelerated B.S. or B.A./M.A. Program in Political Science

Admission

This is a proposal for an accelerated program for the B.S. or B.A./M.A degree in Political Science. There was a brief discussion. The rationale for the program is vague and more information is needed.

J. Wolfskill made a **motion to table the issue** for additional information to be provided by the Department of Political Science, seconded by S. Marsh. **Motion carried.** A representative from Political Science will be asked to attend the committee’s next meeting.

**Proposed Change to grade point marks for B+ and C+**

J. Wolfskill indicated he learned of this issue at an advising meeting in his college last week. The situation arose from the adoption of the +/- grading system in relation to the graduation requirement of an overall 2.0 GPA. In the non-plus/minus system if a student received a D grade, the damage could be made up by achieving a B grade in another course of the same credit hour. The plus/minus system assigns the value of 3.33 for a B+ and 2.33 for a C+. If a student receives a D in a course and cannot achieve a B in any course but perhaps earns several C+ grades, they do not recover and achieve the 2.0 GPA mark. There was some discussion including the small number of students affected. Klonoski pointed out that the five student affected represent .03% of the population. S. Estes explained how situations were remedied for a couple students to overcome the small deficiency in GPA. One used a course substitution to achieve the required major GPA and another waived the requirement for the minor to allow a student to graduate. Wolfskill was more concerned for cases that may not have administrative solutions. No action was proposed.
Update to PLUS Initiative –Upper Division Writing Infused Courses- Graduation Requirement

E. Klonoski told the committee that one of the PLUS initiatives is for two upper-division writing infused courses. The courses can be taken in the general education curriculum or in the major. The criteria rolled out for consideration at this time, developed by the writing infused implementation team are: a cap of 35 students per section; the writing component will constitute at least 25% of the course grade; there will be iterative assignments so that the students can have the opportunity to get feedback and then rework the assignment; 3000 word total, minimum for the semester which can be either formal or informal writings – that will be left up to the disciplines and instructors. In addition they are trying to position the Writing Center to assist with these courses. Registration and records is being asked how the courses can be tagged.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn @ 4:26 p.m. was made by J. Wolfskill, seconded by S. Marsh. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of the Provost