Faculty Senate - Academic Affairs Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2024 – 2:10 PM

Virtual: https://iastate.webex.com/iastate/j.php?MTID=m0e6a64e63122792fd0cbbcf64474c580

Members attending: Jennifer Schieltz (chair), Ann Marie VanDerZanden, David Peters, Cody Fleming, Doug Smith, Tom Brumm, Terri Boylston, Aaron Wood, Yonghong Jia

Absent: Karl Bolser, Anna Fantini, Sarah Zenti, Student Government representative

Others attending: None

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approve Minutes of 2/26 meeting Motion by Brumm, 2nd by Wood. Approved
- 3. Old Business

None

- 4. New Business
 - a. Policy on Academic Dismissal (Terri Boylston, ASAC chair)

Terri Boylston introduced the motivation for this update: to make the dismissal policy consistent across colleges. Council members brought up a concern related to students who are dismissed, but then approved for early reinstatement. Can we have a procedure that delays dropping all of their registered classes for the next term until the reinstatement appeal is decided? Otherwise, if they are immediately dropped from courses and then have to go about re-registering for all of their classes, some courses may now be full, which could put these students at a significant disadvantage toward graduation progress. Terri Boylston plans to check with the registrar on if a mechanism can be put in place for this. ASAC is also working on revising the policy for academic reinstatement, which they hope to have ready to bring to AAC next month. Therefore, the council agreed to table a vote on this academic dismissal policy until next month so that we can see and vote on the dismissal and reinstatement policies as a pair.

- 5. Committee Reports
 - a. FS Curriculum Committee Brumm

Several new items will be coming to AAC next month, including a two new majors.

b. Academic Standards – Boylston

They hope to have the reinstatement policy ready for next meeting. They will also be revising the policy on Academic Misconduct that was sent back to ASAC from Executive Board to address some concerns and wording changes.

c. Outcomes Assessment – Fantini (via email)

The OA Committee Members continue to serve as a task force for gathering information as requested by the Provost's Office in preparation for the HLC visit in the spring of 2026. During our March meeting, we had the Criterion 4 HLC Committee Members come to talk to the OA Committee members regarding collaboration between the two committees.

d. Student Government – Jennifer Holliday (via email)

Martin Hursh and Quinn Margrett will be the next president and vice president of Student Government. Their term begins April 9th. From there, they will pick the next Director of Academic Affairs, who is the individual that is to serve on all committees regarding Faculty Senate. Unfortunately, this year we have had issues filling this role, so hopefully they do not have issues and will have a student that is able to consistently attend these meetings.

6. Good of the order

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8 at 2:10 pm via Webex