

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2015

Attendance: Walter Cho, Heather Ross, Susan Rogers, Jeff McKinstry, Bettina Pedersen (in place of Carol Blessing), Myrna May (resource), Mark Pitts, Paul Bassett, Diana Cordileone

Absent: Jeff Sullivan (SP15 sabbatical), Carol Blessing (SP15 sabbatical), Kathy McConnell

Prayer: Susan Rogers

Approval of February 5, 2015 APC Meeting Minutes: M/S/P

NEW Business

1. Proposal to drop FYE 100 (Holly Irwin)

- GE Committee voted 7-1 to close program
- Comments from students – “not beneficial” to their time – PSY 101 more beneficial; size of class overwhelming; “what’s the point of this?” (negative responses from students in general)
- GE Committee asked “how do you evaluate core values piece?”
- Dropping FYE 100 eliminates 1 unit from GE requirements
- Due to fact course evaluations so low, Committee considered dropping course 1 year ago
- Per Holly, “students loved the 4-year plan”
 - Need to have attitude approach: “How will this benefit PLNU students; not about faculty.”
- Bettina requested retention rate for 2012, 2013, 2014 (direct impact of FYE 100 on retention rate?) – requests data available when proposal presented on faculty meeting floor
- Motion to drop FYE 100 from GE requirements – M/S/P

2. Certificate Parameters Proposal (Mark Pitts)

- Mark requested to defer to another meeting

3. Internship Policy Proposal (Mark Pitts)

- Per Mark, Dept. Chairs in general are “fine with [DRAFT policy]”
- Some science internships are paid, therefore DRAFT policy addresses both paid and unpaid internships for credit
- Intent of proposal (per Mark): “institutional umbrella of what is currently going on”

- Motion to add bullets 1 & 4 (found on “Internships And Practicums At Point Loma Nazarene University” document) and GL Forward’s recommendation to Policy – M/S/P

4. Online Instruction Policy (Mark Pitts)

- Recommend alignment of policies and practices due to fact online courses at PLNU are being offered more (can’t provide limit to accept number of units completed online if PLNU offers more courses via online)
- Minimum number [of units] transferred high enough to cover our own programs