

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2015

Attendance: Jim Daichendt (resource), Dawne Page, Karen Sangren, Laurance Beauvais, Michelle Riingen, Susan Rogers, Rob Thompson, Kendra Oakes Mueller, Mark Pitts, Kristie Camet (resource), Sandy Soohoo-Refaei (guest)

Prayer: Michelle Riingen

Approval of October 15, 2015 APC Minutes: M/S/P

OLD Business

1. Academic Behavior Policy Proposal – first reading

- Dr. Pitts gave an example of a behavior issue from last year as background for the creation of this proposal.
- Discussion with Caye Smith resulted in an agreement that escalation would lead to student development.
- Questions about sleeping in class and request to get feedback from DRC on the disabilities and “self-harm” language.
- Suggestions of some additional items and of a “consult” with the department chair prior to exclusion from class.
- Dawne suggests the addition of inappropriate computer use.
- Dr. Pitts will do a rewrite and include feedback from Caye Smith before next review.

NEW Business

1. Global Studies Proposal – first reading

- Karen inquires what the history is for proposal 1.
 - Sandy explains that higher GPA standards encourage students to try harder to succeed.
 - Rob states that it appears it’s not currently an issue so questions how the change will make a difference.
 - Sandy’s concern is that the low threshold sends a wrong message that study abroad isn’t rigorous.
 - Dr. Pitts makes an anecdotal example of some sites having higher standards than our study abroad requirements.
- Dawne wants to know how it works for a department that has a study abroad requirement and students who do not meet the GPA.
 - Dr. Pitts responds it’s a case-by-case. Can be reconsidered and petitioned.
- Karen inquires how this compares to the locations that we are working with.

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- Sandy states that most of those that we work with have higher standards than ours.
- Rob inquires about proposal 2. How common is inclusion of grades into the GPA?
 - Sandy states that it is more common than not.
- Recommendation to approve proposal – M/S/P

2. APC Certificate Proposal – first reading

- Jim provides context that certificates are new but do have an older history at Point Loma.
- Recommendation to approve proposal – M/S/P

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.