Curric Affairs Committee  24 Sept 2012  Agenda  9-10 am  Kayak Room
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NEXT WEEK AND FOLLOWING WEEKS: MEET AT REICHARDT 301

1. Approve minutes of last meeting

2. GERC-related issues
   a. approve Johathan Rosenberg as Chair
   b. Approve (?) request for a member of SADA to be non-voting member of GERC
   c. J Rosenberg call in at ~ 9:15 for brief report
   d. new GERC business as required (?)

3. RE-VISIT Proposal for revision in probation policy
   Current: Students whose semester and cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 after each fall and spring semester will be put on academic probation.

   New suggested wording:
   Students whose cumulative and (or) semester GPA falls below 2.0 after any semester including the summer session will be put on academic probation.

   Note that, the disqualification entry would remain as it is now, and would refer to fall/spring and spring/fall semesters.

   Questions were raised last meeting about FinAid ramifications. Libby promised to look into such.

   Pending such, a vote to approve???

4. Report on Wintermester conflict resolution (maybe)
   a. 2013-2014: 10 week days are available between Thurs 2 Jan and Weds 15 Jan (1st day of classes = Thurs, 16 Jan)  Suggested solution: Wintermester 2013-14 is 9 days (meets Fac Senate minimums) and takes place 2-14 Jan. Meeting 3 pm Sept 24 with Michelle Bartlett, Libby, rainer, and Brian Kassof (CLA/Wintermester Rep) to discuss this 1-year solution. ANYONE WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO REPLACE Rainer on this informal sub-committee????  HOW DO PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THIS????
   b. 2014-2015 has 9 days between 2 Jan and the first day of classes. Giving no break at all.
   c. 2015-2016 has 8 days between 4 Jan and the first day of classes.

   I PROPOSE THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE BE CHARGED TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T INVOLVE CLASSES DURING THE HARD WINTER CLOSURE

5. CONTINUING EFFORTS AT ADDRESSING THE ATHLETIC ABSENCE PROBLEM
   The problem in a nutshell: UAF requires as a condition to athletic scholarships that students skip class. UAF consequently has a moral obligation to (a) not punish said students and (b) provide them with an education. Providing each team with tutors is a logical, but financially problematic, solution. Pretending that there really isn't a problem has been the historical substitute. The current wording is ambiguous. I HAVE INFORMALLY CREATED A SUBCOMMITTEE (consisting of a CAC rep—guess who??, Sine, and Atheltic Dept Repts This group has approved the following minor change??? (see below):

   Proposed modification of absence notification (Catalog, pg. 49)
   Current: You must notify your instructor(s) of all scheduled UAF-required absences for the semester (e.g., travel to athletic events) during the first week of classes.

   Suggested modification: You must notify your instructor(s) of all scheduled UAF-required absences for the semester (e.g., travel to athletic events) by the second Friday of the semester (the deadline for late registration).

   Everyone REALLY screaming and shouting…followed by adjournment.