

## **SADA Meeting Minutes 11/17/16**

Present: Sandra Wildfeuer, Stacey Howdeshell, Jennifer Tilbury, Alex Fitts, Bill Howard, Colleen Angaiak, Mike Earnest, Jennifer Schell

Minutes

Agenda

### **Repeating Courses Policy:**

Financial aid will only pay for a class three times. From a degree completion perspective, counting the higher grade is the more student friendly policy. Should a support class be required for students who repeatedly do not pass a class? (like Math Bridge program). Those are departmental decisions. Is there really anything broken? The committee moved to a consensus that there didn't seem to be anything wrong with the current policy allowing students to repeat courses and their GPA will count the most recent attempt. Leave it as is for now.

### **Early Progress Report:**

The proposed motion indicates that a date range would be preferable. In our discussion, we see that there is already a date range present, although many faculty might not be aware of this. Also, in Banner, they are called Midterm Reports, which is often misleading if these grades are meant to be an indication of student progress earlier in the semester. There are currently four weeks between due date and the last day to withdraw, but well after the drop deadline. Similar to the repeating course policy, perhaps we don't need to fix anything. The committee reviewed the 2005 Faculty Senate Motion regarding midterm grades – this motion passed, and states that “all new courses that permit freshmen enrollment must explicitly include the method(s) used to determine freshman mid-semester grades in the syllabus. There appears to be some housekeeping needed for the motion – for example, the 2005 language speaks to 100 and 200 level classes and the words Early Progress and Midterm grades seem to be

confused. Clarification of the language could be framed in terms of student success – our goal of completion, etc. Perhaps Ad Comm could take up the issue as a clarification -- take to Ad Comm for clarification.

**Spring semester meetings:** Jen Schell will be on Sabbatical; we will find out if she has a substitute. Proposed first meeting would be the 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**Update on English Placement:** DEVE has been tasked with deciding whether or not to renew Accuplacer. UAF Faculty have been in favor of keeping Accuplacer and also using Writing Samples when another measure of placement is helpful. We are supposed to have a decision to Faculty Alliance by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Update on Math:** DEVM 068 Math Essentials is now in the placement table as a new option for students.