

Curric Affairs Committee 22 October 2012 Agenda 9-10 am
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THIS WEEK AND FOLLOWING WEEKS: MEET AT REICHARDT 301

1. Approve minutes of last meeting

2. Suggested change to Syllabus policy....(from Curricular Review Committee):

“If the course includes project(s) which count for more than 20% of the grade, include general project description(s) and evaluation methods (e.g., rubric)”

This would be added to section #10 (see last page)

Are we ok with sending this on to the Admin Comm??

3. GERC-related issues

- a. J Rosenberg call in at ~ 9:15 for brief report
- b. new GERC business as required (?)

4. 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 leaves much to be desired.

Athletic subcommittee has a couple of different versions in the works...here's one

Attendance Policy Language (proposed by Dept of Athletics and modified by DS & RN)

You are expected to attend class regularly. Class attendance policies are set by individual instructors. If you must miss class, you are responsible for conferring with your instructor concerning your absences and discussing the possibilities for arranging alternative learning opportunities. Note that some departments automatically drop students who miss the first day of class and who fail to obtain their instructor's prior authorization for the absence.

If you are **required** to miss class to participate in official UAF-sponsored activities (e.g., NCAA athletic competition, ROTC), you must notify your instructor in writing by the first Wednesday of the semester. The notification should list all scheduled absences and bear an official UAF signature. If you enroll in a class after the first Wednesday of a semester, you must notify the instructor of all scheduled UAF-sponsored activities on or before the first class meeting following your enrollment in the class.

In cases of these **required** absences, you will not receive an automatic penalty to your attendance grade.// **OR ...**not receive an automatic penalty to the attendance portion of your grade. However, it is necessary that you discuss the provision of alternative learning opportunities with your instructors before the end of the University's regular drop/add period (usually the second Friday of the semester). If, after a good faith effort, you and your instructor cannot make suitable arrangements for alternative learning opportunities, you may drop the course and add another without penalty, provided that you drop within the normal drop/add period.

Attendance (CURRENT VERSION)

You are expected to attend classes regularly; unexcused absences may result in a failing grade. You must have prior written approval to miss the first class meeting or your instructor may drop you. You are responsible for conferring with your instructor concerning absences and the possibility of making up missed work.

If you are required to participate in either military exercises or UAF-sponsored activities that will cause you to miss class, you must notify your instructor(s) as soon as possible of your absence. 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.

You and your instructor will make a good-faith effort to make suitable arrangements to assure that you can make up classes and work you miss and are not penalized for your excused absence. If suitable arrangements cannot be made, you will be allowed to withdraw from the course without penalty. However, your instructor is under no obligation to allow you to make up missed work for unexcused absences or if notification and arrangements are not made in advance of the absence.

Here's another proposed version

You are expected to adhere to the class attendance policies set by your instructors. If you must miss class, you are responsible for conferring with your instructor concerning your absences and to discuss the possibilities for arranging alternative learning opportunities. Note that some departments automatically drop students who miss the first day of class and who fail to obtain their instructor's prior authorization for the absence.

If you are required to miss class to participate in official UAF-sponsored activities (e.g. NCAA athletic competitions, ROTC), you must notify your instructor in writing by the first Wednesday of the semester. The notification should list all scheduled absences, and bear an official UAF signature. The notification form must be signed by the instructor acknowledging the proposed absences and either agreeing to provide alternative learning opportunities or declining to do so.

Students who are required to miss class because of official UAF activities must discuss the provision of alternative learning opportunities with their instructors before the end of the drop/add period. Doing so will allow the student to drop the class and add another if, after a good faith effort, the instructor and the student cannot make suitable arrangements to cover the missed classes.

Excerpt from Syllabus requirements...

9. Course policies:

Specify course rules, including your policies on attendance, tardiness, class participation, make-up exams, and plagiarism/academic integrity.

10. Evaluation:

Specify how students will be evaluated, what factors will be included, their relative value, and how they will be tabulated into grades (on a curve, absolute scores, etc.) Publicize UAF regulations with regard to the grades of "C" and below as applicable to this course. (Not required in the syllabus, but may be a convenient way to

Everyone REALLY REALLY screaming and shouting...followed by adjournment.