

Curric Affairs Committee 24 Sept 2012 Minutes 9-10 am Kayak Room
Present (voters): Ken A, Karen G., Cindy H. David H. Rainer N., Todd R. (audio), Diane (audio), Retchenda GB; non-voters: Donald C., Libby E., Doug G., Jayne H. (disciplinarian)

1. Approved minutes of last meeting (10 Sept)

2. GERC-related issues

- a. approved Johathan Rosenberg as Chair
- b. Approved request for a member of SADA to be non-voting member of GERC
- c. J Rosenberg called in at ~ 9:15 for brief report

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 wording: (unanimously approved!)

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.

4. Report on Wintermester conflict resolution (maybe)

a. 2013-2014: ONLY 9 days available 3 Jan – Weds 15 Jan (first day of classes = 16 Jan). Three possible solutions: make 9 days (legal, but short); make 10 days by adding a Saturday; make 9 days w/ a 'day off' Weds 15 Jan & having a Saturday class. No one was crazy about any of the possibilities, but all were WILLING to go along with any of the three. Wintermester faculty will be polled.

WINTERMESTER CRISIS SUBCOMMITTEE approved: Michelle Bartlett, Florrie Wilcoxson, Libby Eddy, Rainer, and Brian Kassof (CLA/rmester Rep) to discuss this 1-year solution & find most popular alternative

b. 2014-2015 has 8 days between 5 Jan and the first day of classes. Giving no break at all. And not enough days

c. 2015-2016 has 8 days between 4 Jan and the first day of classes.. **THE Wintermester Crisis SUBCOMMITTEE BE CHARGED TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T INVOLVE CLASSES DURING THE HARD WINTER CLOSURE. Fortunately, there's a year to agonize over this...**

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.

An Athletic Absence sub-committee was approved: a CAC rep (guess who), Sine, and Athletic Dept Reps This group 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).

CAC MEMBERS REJECTED THIS MODIFICATION: WHY NOT WEDS? WHY NOT FIRST DAY THAT A CLASS MEETS? Rainer agreed to take this back to the subcommittee.

Everyone REALLY screamed and shouted...followed by adjournment.