

Curric Affairs Committee Weds 26 November 2014 Agenda 3-4 pm Reich 300

invited: Brian Cook, Catherine Hanks, Cindy Hardy, Dennis Moser, Joan Hornig, Ken Abramowicz, Rainer Newberry, Rob Duke Todd Radenbaugh (remote), Doug Goering, Jayne Harvie, Alex Fitts, Carol Gering, Caty Oering, Casey Byrne, Holly Sherouse, Libby Eddy, Linda Hapsmith, Stacey Howdeshell

I. Approve minutes of 12 November meeting

II. Old business

A. Update from GERC concerning 'C' requirement. They intend to have a revised document for us by the end of the semester

B. Where we stand RE Fac Alliance and GERs

Faculty Alliance has agreed to create a UA committee consisting of 3 (2?) faculty members from each University to present a plan of action. Part of that committee's charge will be to assess how agreeable each institution would be to changes in GER regulations. Fac Senate leadership will select the 3 (2?). Presumably this will be done before the end of the semester.

III. New business motions for consideration

MOTION: The UAF Faculty Senate moves to revise the catalog statements on academic probation and disqualification as indicated below:

Probation

Undergraduate students – **Students with a semester GPA below 2.3 or who have received more than one I, W or NB grade in a semester will receive a warning.** Students ~~with a~~ whose semester and/or cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 after any semester, including the summer session, will be put on academic probation. Students on probation may not enroll in more than ~~43~~ **15** credits a semester unless an exception is granted by the appropriate dean. Probation may include additional conditions as determined by the dean of the college or school in which the student's major is located. ~~Students on probation will be referred for developmental advising/education and/or to an advising or support counseling center.~~ The student should work with an academic advisor to prepare an academic plan for achieving a higher GPA. Removal from probation requires the student's cumulative and semester GPAs to be at least 2.0.

RATIONALE:

- 1) The 'warning' is an attempt to alert student and advisor to potential academic difficulties.
- 2) Permitting students on probation to take a maximum of 15 credits will allow them to maintain the Alaska Performance Scholarship and some other forms of financial aid. That is, a student receiving a mix of C and C- grades can be making adequate progress towards a degree and should not be automatically considered ineligible for an Alaska Performance Scholarship.
- 3) Students on probation are not consistently referred to developmental education or to a particular resource, and the current catalog statement is not true. A website will be developed with information for students in academic difficulty and advisors will continue to refer students to the most appropriate resources on a case by case basis.

Academic Disqualification

Undergraduate students -- Undergraduate students on probation whose semester and cumulative GPA fall below a 2.0 for two consecutive regular (fall/spring or spring/fall) semesters will be placed on academic disqualification. Academically disqualified students may continue their enrollment at UAF only as non-degree students, are limited to 10 credits per semester and are ineligible for most types of financial aid. **Students may appeal academic disqualification based on serious illness or life disruption.**

RATIONALE:

Current practice (although not written anywhere) is that Deans decide who is to be disqualified and can overrule the <2.0 for two consecutive regular semesters. It would be better to have a consistent written policy.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2015