FCAS Meeting 19 October 2012: Minutes

Time: 1PM - 2PM

Place: JCLONG 221

Attending Members:

Jim Bowring - Computer Science (Chair)
Lola Colomina-Garrigós - Hispanic Studies
Gretchen McLaine - Theater
Martha Stackel - Library
Rhonda Swickert - Psychology

Attending ex-officio Members:

Michelle Futrell - Undergraduate Academic Services

Meeting:

1. Review and Discussion of a Proposal to Change the Leave of Absence Policy: replacing the "cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above Standard" in order for students to be eligible for a Leave of Absence with "Students who are in Good Academic Standing (meeting Minimum Scholastic Attainment Standards)"

J. Bowring contacted Lynn Cherry to inquire about how we should proceed about the Proposed Change to LOA Policy. Michelle Futrell said it will have to go to the Senate. M. Stackel added the Curriculum Committee sends their changes to the Senate.

M. Futrell from UAS explained the reasons behind the proposed change. As the Catalog states, a student with 0-19 earned credit hours meets the Minimum Scholastic Attainment (and therefore, is considered to be in Good Academic Standing) with a 1.5 or higher; a student with 20-59 earned hours meets the Minimum Scholastic Attainment with a 1.8; and a student with 60 or more earned hours, needs a 2.0 to be considered in Good Academic Standing.

M. Futrell also noted that Financial Aid has its own standards for eligibility and although they use the same GPA Standard, they use one more category: Pace to Completion.

J. Bowring pointed out how there are two Standards being used and suggested making the proposed change universal. The Committee agreed that this is a good opportunity to make the Catalog more coherent. J. Bowring is going to contact Don Griggs, Director of Financial Aid, in
order to discuss it and come to an agreement on the phrase to reference that standard for the LOA Policy.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lola Colomina-Garrigós

Secretary