FCAS Meeting 30 November, 2012: Minutes

Time: 1PM - 2PM

Place: JCLONG 221

Attending Members:

Von Bakanic - Sociology and Anthropology

Jim Bowring - Computer Science (Chair)

María Colomina-Garrigós - Hispanic Studies

Mike Duvall - English

Gretchen McLaine – Theater

Rhonda Swickert - Psychology

Attending ex-officio Members:

Michelle Futrell – Undergraduate Academic Studies

Leize Gaillard - Undergraduate Academic Services

Meeting:

1. The Committee agreed to have the last meeting of the semester on this day and to resume duties on January 11, 2013.

2. LOA Policy: M. Futrell reported on Lynn Cherry’s concerns regarding the Change to the LOA requirements proposal FCAS submitted to the Faculty Senate. Having previously served as Director of Undergraduate Academic Services (prior to Deb Vaughn), L. Cherry raised one major issue: Students who have <2.00 GPA are not considered to be in Good Standing academically. M. Futrell referred her to the Catalog and they could not find where that statement is articulated. The only section she can find relates to Minimum Academic Standards. This is the 1.50, 1.80 and 2.00 criteria based on earned hours used by both UAS and Fin Aid to determine probation status. Cherry indicated to Futrell that those criteria were only in place to determine probation and did not relate to academic standing. She stated that students with GPA <2.00 about above the 1.50 or 1.80 (based on earned hours) were considered to be on academic warning. Futrell can't find any language to that effect in the catalog either, and does not know if it went before the Faculty Senate when it was changed. Based on these concerns, M. Futrell decided to
remove our proposal from the Senate agenda until she has an opportunity to present historic information on this issue to FCAS.

R. Swickert asked whether this gets recorded in their official transcripts for every semester. M. Futrell responded affirmatively.

V. Bakanic suggested that we should clarify the policy in both the Student Manual and the Catalog.

3. Late Withdrawal Petitions:

One petition was approved and two were denied.

4. Senior Coursework Elsewhere petitions:

On the case of the student who is asking for a Senior Coursework Elsewhere Petition retroactively and that FCAS decided to send it back to the Registrar's Office -since the Committee is not aware of whether there is a policy on how to proceed with such a case and since it does not sure of whether they have jurisdiction over this matter, the Registrar's office asked FCAS to reconsider since they claim that "Senior Petitions that are submitted after course work has already been completed are evaluated in the same manner as petitions received before course work at another institution." FCAS is not disagreeing to the transfer of credits. However, the Committee still thinks we are not the right venue to do so. FCAS agreed on suggesting the transfer of the requested credits but not under the 737 rule - or the Senior Coursework Elsewhere Petition.

One appeal was denied on the basis that the student needs a minimum of 60 hours in residence, at CofC, in order to be eligible to petition for a Senior Coursework Elsewhere.

5. Three-Year Option for Readmits Case:

The petition was denied based on the fact that the student's GPA does not add up to the minimum GPA of 2.5

For future reference, J. Bowring reminded everyone that there are significant digits after the dismal point.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lola Colomina-Garrigós

Secretary