

Academic Standards Committee

Minutes, September 25, 2014

Present: Warner, Kendrick, Carlson, Crawford, Maher, Moran, Saunders, Stein. Absent: Becker-Cornblatt, McDaniel.

The minutes of the March 2014 meeting were approved.

New committee members Tom Crawford, Michelle McDaniel, and Molly Carlson were welcomed. Molly will serve as the new administrative co-chair, replacing Dr. Warner. Zana Moran is the faculty co-chair.

The committee reviewed recent and outstanding charges and progress to date:

- Policy that does not allow students who fail in an online class to register for additional online classes: COMPLETED. There is no way for this to be done using our records systems.
- Academic Integrity Policy: COMPLETED and adopted by the board.
- Professional Development Policy: COMPLETED and adopted by the board.
- Minimum number of credits at the 200-level for graduation: COMPLETED. Current curriculum requires the acceptable minimum of 200-level classes; no need for an additional policy.
- Grading:
 - o Scale change: still requires discussion, including understand of what Health Sciences is doing, implications for financial aid.
 - o HCC has moved from awarding grades higher than 91% of the nationwide average to 61%.
 - o Pass/Fail: More discussion needs to happen about this option and implications across campus, including transfer, GPA, and whether the college would need to establish a maximum number of P/NP courses allowed. Committee members will bring in research from other schools. The discussion should include whether HCC needs a definition of when P/NP is appropriate.