

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
March 30, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Committee members in attendance:

Ryan Alexander
Caren Dick
Sungkyu Kwak
Tony Palbicke
Mike Russell
Shaun Schmidt (Chair)
Barbara Scofield
Sean Stacey
Barb Stevenson
Randy Pembrook (ex officio) via Zoom

Guest Presenters:

Sean Bird, Asst. Dean, Mabee Libraries
Alan Bearman, Dean Mabee Libraries

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Shaun Schmidt at 3:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from the February 23, 2015
The minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting for review. The minutes were approved, with one modification and will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.
2. New Business—
 - a. Minor—Information Literacy

A motion and second were made to accept the proposal.

Sean Bird offered an overview of the minor and the courses necessary for the completion of the minor. Discussion occurred regarding whether courses listed should be mandated, and it was determined substitutions could be made and/or additional courses could be returned back to the Interdisciplinary committee for review.

After discussion, the committee members voted to approve this motion regarding the agenda item. Based on this approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

- b. Submission process for courses/programs

A motion and second were made to accept the proposal.

Dr. Pembrook, via ZOOM, offered an overview of this proposal. The committee previously reviewed this proposal and discussion ensued regarding some of the additional items as to what should not be submitted to the Faculty Senate governing process.

After discussion, it was determined through a friendly amendment to place the statement "unless 1 of the above 5 criteria are also present:"

Also determined through a friendly amendment that the financial implication statement should read "There will be savings in time and efforts through less committee work.

Also determined through a friendly amendment the Proposed effective date should read, "Upon approval of the Washburn University Board of Regents"

After discussion, the committee members voted to approve this motion regarding the agenda item, with the friendly amendments included. Based on this approval, this will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

c. Proposal draft for modifying the Probation and Reinstatement Policy

Dr. Pembroke offered an overview of the proposal. Several points of importance were made:

- As an open admission institution, Washburn University has higher standards for students who receive a semester or cumulative GPA of 2.0 or less than the other Regents Institutions.
- For some students, a 2.0 or a 2.25 GPA is not mathematically possible to achieve if they have had one bad semester
- This proposal defines access as more than the University having an Open Admission policy as it seeks to ensure that Washburn recognizes and creates programs, policies and procedures that give students the time to mature as successful members of our Community of Learning.

Much discussion occurred regarding this proposal with Dr. Pembroke asking the committee to continue reflecting on this and to e-mail him with questions/concerns/modifications. Dr. Pembroke indicated he is considering having open forums for the campus to discuss this proposal. He then hopes to have it to the Faculty Senate and General Faculty.

Meeting to adjourned at 4:30 p.m.