Academic Affairs Committee Meeting April 13, 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)

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

Minutes from the March 30, 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. Probation and Reinstatement proposal:

Dr. Pembrook provided an overview of the probation/reinstatement proposal. He offered additional information for the committee to consider.

After some discussion the committee felt data should be collected for five years. A motion was made and seconded to add the following paragraph into the proposal, with two modifications (as noted).

Standing more time to improve their academic record so that the final result is the acquisition of a post-secondary credential. It is not intended to increase student loan debt apart from such credential attainment. Nor, is it intended to lower the quality of academic work of those graduating at Washburn University. Therefore, this proposal mandates that data previous to and including the academic year 2014-15 will be compared to information from the academic years 2015-16, 16-17, and 2017-18 annually regarding student loan debt, degree attainment, achievement of academic good standing, improvement in repeated courses, retention, and default rates for students on academic warning, probation, and suspension. In addition, no later than Spring, 2018, Starting in Fall 2020 and every 5th year thereafter, the Academic Affairs Committee in conjunction with the Probation and Reinstatement Committee and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs will review these data and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate on the continuation or alteration of this policy.

Additionally, a few other minor modifications were made and accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment as noted.

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.

Meeting to adjourned at 4:05 p.m.