

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee Meeting
December 6, 2016
305 Caddo Room, LSU Union

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Graham Bodie.

In attendance:

Voting Members: Graham Bodie, Greg Griffin, Suzanne Stauffer, Kanchan Maiti, Gary King, Doug McMillin, Cathleen Williams

Non-voting Members: Michael Blandino, Paul Ivey, Robert Doolos

Guests: Kristen Kelsch and Tom Sofranko

Minutes from the November 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

Proposals:

1. School of Architecture: proposal to put in place an academic standard that requires undergraduate architecture majors to pass their required courses with a C- or better. Associate Dean Tom Sofranko was present to discuss the proposal and answer questions. This is a professional degree with national standards and a required licensing exam. This is a problem for some students. The new grade requirement would better ensure success for these students.
Motion to suspend rules to proceed with voting (Griffin), seconded (McMillin)
Motion passed.
Motion to accept proposal (Stauffer), seconded (Maiti). Proposal approved.
2. Third reading: Office of Academic Affairs proposal to edit one of the items listed under the Academic Requirements for Obtaining a Degree outlined in the LSU Catalog The proposed change is to remove the statement regarding credit earned at two-year community colleges and transfer credit and replace it with a statement that ensures all residency and academic senior college requirements are maintained.

The primary issue of concern among the committee at the previous reading was the process of evaluating courses not listed in the Tiger Transfer Table. Robert Doolos provided more information on transfer credit evaluation.

Motion to approve proposal (Williams), seconded (Stauffer). Proposal approved.

3. First reading: Proposal from the Office of Academic Affairs to refocus the concentrated study period, immediately preceding examinations, as an authentic preparation time for students. The proposal includes a prohibition of graded assignments during the three days of concentrated study each semester. It also recommends extending the ban on student activities through the week of final exams.
The recommendation is to change to policy so that no work can be due during the concentrated study period, not even 5% or less of the grade. Questions were raised by committee members as to the benefit of passing the proposal and would graduate students be affected.
Proposal was tabled until the next meeting.
4. First reading: Academic Affairs Policy Review Committee along with the Online Policy Working Group proposed to add language in the General Catalog attendance policy that alerts students to what constitutes attendance in online courses.

Committee asked for verbiage to show that instructors can define “academically related activity”. Chairman Bodie will contact Matt Lee to request wording modification in the proposal. Proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

5. Motion to adjourn (Bodie), seconded (Maiti). Approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.