

Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee Meeting

January 23, 2018

312 (Council Room), LSU Union

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairperson Cathleen Williams.

In attendance:

Voting Members: Cathleen Williams, Alex Garn, Suzanne Stauffer, Jeff Roland, Doug McMillin, Kanchan Maiti, Fakhri Al-Bagdadi

Non-voting Members/Guests: Matthew Lee, Clay Benton, Andrea Jones, Kitty Phenev, Scott Andersen, Michael Blandino, Anna Bartel, Walt Holliday

Discussion:

1. Minutes from the November 2017 meeting approved. Motion to approve minutes by **McMillan D. McMillin**, seconded by Garn.

2. Discussion on School of Art requirement of laptop for first-year courses.

- Changes suggested to include language for formal waiver process for students without laptop. Due to possible conflict among students with sharing of same computer, provisions will be made to reserve laptops for checkout.
- Motion to approve the bill with recommended changes from Stauffer, seconded by Roland.
- One opposed.
- Motion passed.

3. First reading/discussion on Academic Program proposal for students over 25 years old to apply for special non-degree admission through LSU 25+ program.

- Concern raised that the proposal does not take high school GPA into account.
- Stauffer commented that the proposal does not include any metric to judge the students.
- Question raised on how to treat previous college records.
- Question raised on whether that will be academic probation if GPA falls. Representative from Register office stated that regular academic standards will be applied in such cases.
- Bartel mentioned that previous try did not have academic action and enquired about the performance of the previous version of this program like how many students enrolled through it.
- Lee mentioned that program like this are already in place at other institutions and are necessary to keep LSU competitive.
- Roland expressed concern about the lack of standard and the rationale behind not having an ACT cut off. Whether GPA or ACT can be used as a criterion.
- Roland asked whether this program will allow for students to enroll in online courses.
- Holliday expects these students to be more mature with different perspective.

- Bartel mentioned that student enrollment in the previous version of this program started dropping after BRCC came in the picture.
- Stauffer asked about enrollment requirement for the program. Response 3-9 credit hours per semester.
- Roland suggested that there should be academic advising available for such a program.
- Williams summarized the discussion and suggested this motion will have more support if some criteria for admission are put in place.

4. Academic Program proposal to change the name of the *Academic Bankruptcy* policy to the *LSU Second Chance* policy.

- Lee mentioned that readmission will require permission of the dean.
- Stauffer asked about such policy in other institutions and clarification on some of the texts.
- Lee responded that this policy is designed mostly for students who have completely stopped enrolling in colleges during the 5-year period.
- Roland asked how this policy will consider students who may have taken some courses during this period to just test the water.
- Al-Bagdadi asked why specifically a 5-year period.
- Benton mentioned that 5-year period is regarded as a maturation process.
- Williams suggested rewording of the bill.
- Lee will send email for rewriting based on feedback received.

5. Email from ~~McMillan~~ K. McMillin, Senate President regarding the revisions to President's Honor Roll and Dean's List for reducing hour requirement from 15 to 12 during regular semesters.

- Roland would like to see the wording on the applicable policy where it states heavier than normal course load.
- More documentation is requested for follow up.

6. Motion to adjourn by D. McMillin, second by Roland.

7. Meeting Adjourned.