

Academic Policies & Standards Committee – December 2, 2010

DATE: December 2, 2010

ATTENDEES: C. Plescia, S. Frisbee, R. Jubenville, J. DeWeerth, T. Capraro, Jason Yager

Guests: M. Eannace; K. Barefoot

TIME: 2:30 p.m. PLACE: IT220

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
1. Meeting called to order at 2:32 p.m.		
2. Approval of Agenda		Agenda approved with corrections.
3. Graduation Application Policy	The proposed policy was discussed.	The Policy was approved unanimously and will be forwarded to VPLAA for inclusion in the MVCC catalog.
4. Academic Placement Testing Policy	Dr. Eannace passed out information regarding the materials that are in the catalog. A revised policy was distributed. Discussion followed regarding testing with indication that the ESL statement in the catalog should be considered and incorporated into the new policy	Dr. Eannace will email the ASPC Chair regarding changes discussed as well as specific information within the catalog which should be incorporated into the policy.



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5. Academic Amnesty Policy

Purpose is to have a one time opportunity to have unsatisfactory grades removed. Kate Barefoot brought some examples of students who have had problems regarding poor grades early in their academic career. Questions were discussed regarding administration and the influence of Banner on our ability to do this without complications. The Registrar's listserv indicated that 16 of 17 institutions contacted have an academic amnesty policy. Many of these are Banner schools, so it is possible to integrate the data. There were differences in the policy regarding consecutive years out of school, etc. One problem is that Banner does not calculate program GPA. but cumulative GPA. Financial aid would not be affected as long as the grade is not eliminated from the transcript. These was discussion regarding grades being forgiven being selective by the student. There was some concern about that concept.

Kate will distribute email she received so the committee can evaluate some of the specifics regarding the programs more specifically. Dr. Eannace will check Ulster and Cayuga CC for further clarification and additional information regarding their policies. Jason will look into possible Banner complications regarding the policy.

6. Presidents Priority List

The list is as follows:

1. ED 100 Standards 2. Academic Amnesty 3. Credit Creep 4. Credit for Life Experience and Testing Out policies 5. Hidden pre-requisites
Dr. Eannace also wanted the committee to look for or develop a template or standards for cheating/plagiarism on the MVCC campuses. She is counting on the Dean team additional drafts for the committee.

The Committee accepted these as the priorities for Spring 2011 semester.



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7. ED 100	The major problem facing those taking ED 100 seems to be the fact that students may not take the course during the first 12 hours of their program as directed in the catalog. Discussion ensued.	Dr. Eannace will look over barriers to all students taking ED 100 during the first semester and report back to the ASPC.
Next Meeting		
Adjournment		The next meeting will be on Thursday, January, 13, 2011 at Noon.
		Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm.