

Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes
September 28, 2004
2:00-3:00 pm DAR

Present:

Denise Bullock
Laverne Nishihara
Markus Pomper, Chair
Dennis Hicks, Guest

Absent:

Lora Baldwin
Michele Curry
Margaret Thomas Evans

The Committee met on September 28, 2004 at 2:00 pm in DAR.

Topic of discussion was the draft of the Academic Forgiveness policy.

Dennis Hicks informed the committee of his research of academic forgiveness policies at various other institutions. He stated that the draft version is "IU-centric" because only grades earned at IU will be forgiven and an absence from IU is required. The committee discussed the merits of IU-centric and non-IU centric approaches and decided to stay with the IU centric approach, requiring an absence from any IU campus for a period of 5 years. The committee agreed that such an absence could always be verified from IU transcripts, and the IU-centric approach would fit well with the current practice of granting credit (but not grades) for transfer work.

The committee discussed when a student should apply for academic forgiveness. It was agreed that it should be early after the student's return. The committee felt that it would be best to make student's prove that they are worthy of academic forgiveness by requiring a certain GPA after returning. Since a GPA of 2.0 ("good standing") is required for graduation, the committee agreed that the student should have completed at least 12 credit hours with passing grades before academic forgiveness should be granted.

The committee discussed whether academic forgiveness should be granted for current students. It was decided that academic forgiveness should not be granted if the student has already earned any undergraduate degree. It was also agreed that academic forgiveness should be available to degree-seeking undergraduate students only. The committee deferred the question under what circumstances academic forgiveness should be available to current students.

Dennis Hicks informed that committee that he would research what notation should be used on an academic transcript to reflect that academic forgiveness has been granted. He suspected that such notation would have to be sanctioned at the University level. Dennis

will also contact two other IU campuses with similar forgiveness policies and determine how the policy can be implemented on SIS.

The committee adjourned at 3:00 pm.