

Admissions & Academic Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm, TR 338

Present: *M. Blankenship (chair), F. Bose, L. Dulemba, C. Evans, A. Hall, T. Perkins, W. Tobin*

Absent: *A. Hall*

1. Admissions Policy – Discussed final edits to revised admissions policy. Vote to send to Faculty Senate for a vote.
2. Appeals policy – Blankenship presented changes to current policy regarding readmission appeals process, noting difficulties with current policy regarding timeliness of appeals, issues with readmitted students navigating compressed timeline to manage committee requirements (advising, financial aid, apartment leases, and availability of courses). Proposed change involves creating a sub-committee of AAA (e.g. Reinstatement Committee) composed of 1-2 current members of AAA and directors or designees of relevant departments (University College, Financial Aid, Advising) who will hold meetings on a rolling basis. AAA would maintain oversight. Discussed specific proposal (policy) and revised some items and language. Further discussion tabled for next meeting. Blankenship would like the new policy to go before Senate in 2nd March meeting with a vote in April.
3. Discuss UFC proposal for grading changes AAA discussed and voted **yes** on three policy suggestions:
 - a. Keep the A+ grade, and continue to assign a 4.0 to the A+ grade, same as for an A. Don't raise the grade point to 4.3 for an A+. The nationwide norm is still the maximum 4.0 grade point. Among the Big 10, only Iowa assigns a 4.3.
 - b. Replace the practice of assigning an "FX" for a grade replacement with just an "X." No particular reason has been found to keep the "FX."
 - c. For section K2 and K3 (on instructors' responsibility to keep grade records for a certain period of time), I'd like to propose adding something like: "The University is responsible for maintaining technology that is used to store grades and student work, for example, course management systems." If it can't be in this policy, I'd like to propose it for another policy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Minutes taken by: M. Blankenship