

Admissions & Academic Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm, TR 338

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

Absent: *L. Dulemba*

1. **Changes to IUE Admissions policy:** Blankenship advised that, regardless of UFC vote relative to “testing optional” policy, AAA has been charged with revising current policy from November 7, 2007. Data from IUE’s data analyst is forthcoming but not yet complete relative to the sweet spot of incoming GPA versus SAT/ACT. Committee reviewed scatter plots from the recent Chancellor’s summit for IUK and IUSE, which indicated no strong data relative to GPA. Discussion ensued relative to creating a more robust set of data based on the question, “What is our (IUE’s) measure of success?” Committee developed values for data pull (e.g. success = persistence to 2 years and 4 years; collecting college GPA at both marks, degree attained compared to H.S. GPA and SAT/ACT; interaction of data on H.S. characteristics, face to face versus online students, and first generation status). Using their skills with data collection development and statistical experience, Tobin and Bose will work with IUE’s data analyst to develop data pull to present at next meeting (January 2020).
2. **Appeals process and application instructions:** Blankenship discussed issues with PDF files for students using screen readers. Based on advice from the staff member redesigning IUE’s web pages (Kiera Landess), our “Application for Reinstatement” form (currently in PDF format) should be in Qualtrics. Blankenship will develop a Qualtrics version of this form, working with Landess to assure it complies with ADA issues.
3. **Incomplete policy:** Blankenship refreshed discussion from last meeting (all-IU policy, implementation on other campuses, and IUE’s version specifying a terminal aspect.) Discussion ensued relative to core issue of “terminal aspect” of a course and how faculty are, generally speaking, not using the form voted into use by a Faculty Senate vote of April 2006. It was noted that current grading technology allows Faculty to give a grade of “I” without requiring the form. This suggests that the form is obsolete. We will develop change to this policy in January 2020 and put it before Senate shortly thereafter, removing the use of this form and realigning IUE policy to all-IU’s.
4. **Post-Spring Appeal Date:** Brief discussion regarding impact of moving July meetings to June. Tabled for early Spring.
5. **Appeals Success Data collection:** Blankenship called committee’s attention to Parker’s “FINAO Data Base...Failure is Not An Option.” values list. Unfortunately, committee members did not have enough explanation of this form during last month’s meeting due to time restrictions. Discussion ensued as to factors and values we wish to know (and track). Tobin and Bose will work on this.

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

minutes taken by: M. Blankenship