

AAA Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018, 11am to 12:30pm

Present:

- Baldwin, Lora
- Blankenship, J. Melissa
- Susan Brudvig
- Karki, Ramesh
- Raposo, Jessica Ann

Reviewed Charges – ([available in committee's box](#))

- “Formalize the Prior Learning Policy for IUE.”
 - Done – passed Senate
- “Review the proposed common calendar for presentation and vote by the faculty.”
 - Done – completed discussion with faculty, information items at Senate, completed summary document of faculty feedback, feedback forwarded back to others, no votes moving forward
- “Revise appeal policies and procedures to bring them in line with those of other IU campuses.”
 - In-progress.
 - We discussed ways to improve the processes we have in-place, including having an advisor as an ex-officio member, working with the retention committee (does it still exist?), and having a student success coach in the room during appeals (for continuity)
 - Schedule as discussion for April committee meeting
 - Goal is to review appeal procedures & policies in place at other IU committees. We will use this form -- ([available in committee's box](#)) -- and committee members will complete their campus assignment as “homework” (due in two weeks, i.e., Tues, Feb 27th) and put materials in box. A summary table will be created a week after that.
 - CO ([Lora](#)) -- notes: \$55 reapplication fee, plus school-based policies
 - KO ([Karki](#))
 - NW ([Melissa](#))
 - SE ([Jessica](#))
 - SB ([Tonya](#))
 - Summary Table ([Susan](#))
 - From this, we can make recommendations and/or identify items that we would work on in the **next year**.
- “Revise the academic forgiveness and grade replacement policy to bring them in line with those of other IU campuses.”
 - In-progress.
 - See notes below.
- “Continue to address student appeals and develop a voting process that is consistent with data-based decision making and research on student success.”
 - Review Appeals “Successes” ([Amy](#)) – appeals data since 2006 – success rate?
 - Schedule as discussion for April committee meeting
 - Other sources of Data-Supported Decision Making?

- Yes, The document prepared for academic forgiveness & grade replacement
 - Appeals data to be added to this
 - This document suggests that probation policies should be addressed because students with marginal GPAs often end up in an excess credit hour situation. In other words, students with marginal GPAs often go undetected until it is too late. There was consensus that this could be addressed **next year**.
- “Update other AAA related policies and materials as needed.”
 - Done – Dean’s List - ([available in committee’s box](#))
 - Other? – No additional committee work on the horizon.
 - Committee anticipates probation policies, including second-time probation & marginal GPAs, as well as further alignment of East to other campuses in the [next year](#).
- **Grade Replacement & Forgiveness**
 - Analysis
 - The committee discussed and reviewed the analysis of EA grade replacements. - ([available in committee’s box](#))
 - The committee discussed “what success looks like”
 - There was general agreement that probation policies need to be addressed. For instance, there were a number of students with excess hours who had marginal GPA records with or without grade replacement. However, 2 semesters of GPA < 2.0 has less impact than 2 semesters of cumulative GPA < 2.0 (in terms of probation). A number of students identified as “not progressing” were the former, not the latter.
 - The analysis also suggested that many students “not progressing” had not sat out 2+ years. Forgiveness could assist with this.
 - Review of Policies
 - Replacement & Forgiveness (revisit) - Previously seen by committee. This will be included in an information packet. - ([available in committee’s box](#))
 - Policy Change
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 - Forgiveness (new) – what are essential elements?
 - On a course basis (rather, semester)
 - 2-year gap
 - Exercise once
 - Use grade replacement after re-enrollment
 - Does not preclude school/program requirements.
 - Program versus Cumulative GPA – why can’t it be effectively X’ed grades?
 - What is the philosophy behind these policies? What behavior is being encouraged?
 - Forgiveness – “fresh start” like transferring in (See KO, IN); sit out two years & go to Ivy, don’t worry about courses (versus go to Ivy and don’t repeat courses or sit out 4 years)
 - Grade Replacement – ?

- Bringing Forward & Timing
 - Advisors' Council? Yes. (Susan)
 - Next meeting Tues Feb 27
 - Senate
 - Information item then resolution? Yes. (Susan)
 - Next agenda meeting Wed Feb 28 with items due Fri Feb 23
- **Next meetings**
 - AAA Tues, Mar 20th Items due to Agenda Fri, Mar 23rd
 - Grade replacement & Academic forgiveness
 - Will invite Dennis to March AAA meeting (Lora)
 - AAA Tues, Apr 10th Items due to Agenda Fri, Apr 13th
 - Appeals Policies & Processes; Data on Appeal Successes
 - Will invite Carrie & Amy to April AAA meeting (Lora)

Prepared by Susan Brudvig, 16-Feb-18

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