

2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
April 21, 2017
Approved: May 5, 2017

May 2, 2017

Members Present: Escobar, Fox, Gonsier-Gerdin, Geyer, Heinicke, Hernandez, Li, Schmidlein

Members Absent: Gonzalez, Heather, Hunt, Mendoza, Murphy, Newsome, Sharpp, Taylor, Watson-Derbigny

Guests Present: O'Connor, Trigales

Call to Order: Called to order at 2:15 p.m.

1. Open Forum:

2. Approval of the Agenda: Approved 2:25pm

3. Approval of the Minutes for March 3, 2017. Approved 2:25pm

4. Discussion Item: CA Promise, SB 412. The Committee continued to discuss revisions to the amended priority registration policy that deals specifically with the CA Promise and the criteria for student participation in the program. At the time of the meeting, the Committee was still awaiting a response from FPC regarding their feedback on the advising component of the CA Promise. Chair Escobar stated that she would continue to work on this draft and bring it back at the next meeting, which will be the final meeting of the semester and academic year.

Discussion Item: Academic Honesty Policy. Matt O'Connor, Student Conduct Officer, was invited to provide an overview of the issues that Jill Peterson, University Counsel, raised about the policy and to answer any questions the Committee may have had about those problems and some of the ways in which clarity for all parties (faculty and students) can be made to happen. M. O'Connor shared that the problems in the Sac State policy included the fact that it is very long and contains a lot of legalistic language, or jargon, that makes it challenging for students and faculty to understand. Some questions that have come up about it: who has the final say on the grade that is awarded (if there is a claim of cheating/plagiarism)? What about the final decisions on discipline? (in other words, can an administrator overrule a faculty member or does the faculty member have the final say?). The ultimate goal is to make the policy legally 'tight.' M. O'Connor went on to say that structural fairness in the policy is important. Presently, reporting of incidents of cheating and/or plagiarism is very low. He suggested that some of the changes to the policy include a place for faculty to indicate that they'd like to refer the case to student conduct for

investigation and to have a place where faculty can explicitly indicate that they do not want administrative discipline to be the final outcome. The development of a student conduct flow chart was discussed and this would provide for clarity around the process. M. O'Connor added that he had begun working on a 'skeleton draft' of a revised policy which he said he'd share with the Committee. The Committee was appreciative as this will provide folks with a starting point.

Meeting Schedule for Spring 2017

~~February 3~~
~~February 17~~
~~March 3~~

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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Sue C. Escobar, Committee Chair