

Provost's Council Minutes
Held: September 30, 2010

Attendance: B. Barnett, E. Daffron, S. Rosenberg, B. Langer, H. Nejad, S. Perry, D. Echols Tobe, J. Morley, G. Tabback, L. Siecke, D. Jean, P. Chang, M. Allison, J. Roffe, D. Singer.

B. Barnett called the meeting to order, began with introductions, and turned the agenda over to E. Daffron.

- 1) Medical Leave of Absence (MLOA) - new procedure on a student's medical leave of absence withdrawal was submitted. These procedures deal with students who pursue medical withdrawals after grades have been submitted. These have already been reviewed by Dean's Council, the Provost and are already incorporated in the current policy in the College Catalog. There was discussion on the fairness of the procedures in light of a student falling sick suddenly but D. Echols Tobe pointed out that Ramapo has offered an insurance plan for the last year. This plan offers tuition reimbursement should a student need to withdraw due to medical issues.
- 2) CASP – The membership of the Committee has been redefined, as have the terms for committee members. They will now serve two years with the option of renewing for additional terms.
- 3) Policy on International Travel under U.S. Government Advisory – D. Singer represented J. Geller who was unable to attend. The policy was drafted by a committee that had been convened to put together protocol for off-campus emergencies. The policy would address concerns about the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff during international travel and college response to U.S. government agency "Travel Warnings," "Travel Alerts," and similar advisories. The policy mitigates institutional risk. The policy has gone through review with Sarah Darrow, the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) assigned to Ramapo.

There was discussion on liability of individual administrative heads etc and travel warnings issued by the U.S. government. Also, whether or not this policy should be part of a larger policy or remain separate and particular to Study Abroad.

B. Barnett pointed out that provost's council can only consider the travel policy as it relates to Academic Affairs, not other parts of the college.

It was suggested that this policy be reviewed more specifically and that a more comprehensive policy be brought back to council.

