

Provost's Council Minutes
Held: March 25, 2010

Attendance: Deans Langer, Rosenberg, Chakrin, Perry, Siecke; Jeremy Geller; Chris Romano; Emma Rainforth; Dorothy Echols Tobe; Donna Crawley, Eddie Saiff; George Tabback; Judith Jeney; Pat Chang, P. Rice and T. Cohen.

E. Rainforth opened the meeting in B. Barnett's absence. First item of business:

Repeat Grade Policy:

- Already approved by ARC and Faculty Assembly.
- Discussion on wording of policy; substitution of courses and timing of appeal for an RF grade.

H. Nejad: Mechanisms and standards seem to be different in individual cases.

S. Perry: questioned removing the deadline for appealing an RF grade– E. Rainforth is opposed to doing this.

J. Jeney suggested changing wording on policy and procedure.

Question called for vote – on last point of policy: if a student receives an F grade in a course in which an Academic Integrity violation occurred and a sanction imposed the course is not eligible for RF grading.

This passed unanimously.

L. Chakrin asked if procedure should be changed regarding the timing for a student to apply for the RF. C. Romano – in favor of posting an actual deadline.

Discussion on communication of policies to advisors and stressing importance of declaring RF policy and timing.

S. Perry made a motion to eliminate the deadline for a student to declare that they wish to apply an R grade to a course. In the current policy a student must declare within the first two weeks of retaking the course.

A vote was called:

- 7 – In favor
- 3 – Opposed
- 5 – Abstained

L. Chakrin suggested that the RF policy procedure be brought back to ARC and discussed with faculty before instituting any further changes.

Residency Requirement

H. Nejad made a motion to include the wording “Faculty Advisor or Dean” to the policy. E. Rainforth said the wording would be added to the procedure section that cites students meeting with Study Abroad personnel and Academic Advising.

S. Perry made a motion to accept the policy with noted changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Declaring a Major

C. Romano – noted the Declaring a Major policy would probably go into effect Fall 2011. B. Langer clarified that the policy meant transfer students with 64 credits or more must come in with condition of major declared.

A change in the first line of the policy was suggested.

E. Saiff proposed a vote on the policy.

It passed unanimously.

Other Business

J. Jeney asked how in-load masters courses for faculty will be administered. She suggested an implementation procedure for faculty to determine in-load or over-load and keeping track of both of these.

It was suggested that this be discussed at the next Dean's Council meeting and that Judith Jeney be invited to attend.

S. Rosenberg announced that the Masters in Sustainability Education had been approved and would be launch in the fall.