

Academic Affairs Council  
November 18, 2020

1. **W/WH Grades**

Brian Murphy

Dr Murphy has received word from several faculty members that students are dealing with emotional issues, in light of Covid and online classes. He asked if we should be more lenient with the W/WH policy, perhaps extending the time students can make up the work by an additional year. Dr. Beverly said this would put a huge burden on faculty and Dr. Guidry stated we have the most liberal WH policy in the state and would not advocate to be more lenient. It was agreed the deans would discuss with their unit heads and we would discuss the issue at dean's council on December 2.

Dr. Bullard said the probation and suspension policy has been put on hold because of Covid, students are asking if this is being extended or restored, we will get further information from Lynda Langham and discuss at deans council.

The Open SFA Task Force document dated June 18, will be reviewed for spring semester. Dr. Williams will send the document to the deans for their review.

2. **Academic Performance Solutions (APS)**

Karyn Hall

Karyn Hall gave an update on the APS system, which will be operational February 1, 2021.

3. **SACS Off-Site Review Report**

Marc Guidry

Dr. Guidry has received the off-site response from SACS, there were 14 principals raised in the report out of possible 77. There are a couple of items of concern such as Student Learning Outcomes. Karyn Hall thanked everyone for their work on faculty credentials, we only received a few minor exceptions that require clarification.

4. **DOOAA Email**

Steve Bullard

An email went out this week on the re-organization options, feedback will be gathered via a survey through the end of January. After Thanksgiving, Dr Gordon will have a chat session concerning this. Andrew Lannen had questions about timeline as faculty senate will not meet until February, Dr. Bullard said there is no strict deadline, so there will be time for discussion. The plan is for any proposed changes to go into effect fall 2022, with input from the new provost.

5. **Course Evaluations/Promotion & Tenure**

Steve Bullard

Dr. Lannen bought concerns from faculty senate regarding items added to course evaluations concerning the 8-week courses, as requested by Dr. Gordon. The questions were vetted by chairs and deans. It was agreed these questions would not be used in consideration of tenure and promotion for faculty. The course end evaluations were used because they have a better return rate. The Graduate school sent out a separate survey.

6. **Potential Telecommuting after Commencement**

Steve Bullard

This was mentioned in Cabinet meeting yesterday and an email will be sent out to the campus. Due to a resurgence of Covid cases, telecommuting is encouraged. There was also a question on whether we will have a face to face commencement.

7. **Any Other Business**

Dr. Bullard stated we are working hard to try to replace the position and work that Janet Tareilo was doing

The Academic Affairs website will be updated to list honor society information.

Dr. Wurtz asked about the Hannover report commissioned by SFA regarding 8-week courses, would we have an opportunity discuss this. Dr. Bullard asked that it be discussed at the chairs meeting tomorrow.

Heather Catton announced that it is International Week.

| Deans Council                         | Academic Affairs Council                               | Chairs Meeting                          |
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|                                       |  | November 19 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. |
| December 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. | December 16 <sup>th</sup> at<br>8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | December 17 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. |
| January 6 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  | January 27 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.                  | January 28 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  |
| February 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.  | February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.                 | February 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. |