

PCOE College Council
14 September 2020, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
—Summary—

Attending: Judy Abbott, Donna Fickes, Flora Farago, Dustin Joubert, Leah Kahn, Mark Montgomery, Barbara Qualls, Lydia Richardson, Derek Cegelka, Rudi Johnson (student), Arlene Turcios (student)

Meeting began at 2:05 PM via ZOOM

1. Review summary from last council, May 4, 2020. After no discussion, Mark Montgomery moved to accept and Lydia Richardson seconded. Meeting summary was approved as presented. Motion passed.

2. Grade Appeal-Fred Harris

The College Council was asked to serve as a PCOE appeal committee by Provost Bullard, to consider a second grade appeal, dated March 2, 2020, filed by Fred Harris in relationship to SED 450 and SED 450L in fall 2019. Provost Bullard and General Counsel asked that the committee consider the merits of the new materials, related to the appeal provided by Mr. Fred Harris, undergraduate student at SFA.

- The course was taught by adjunct, Glen Wells. The first grade appeal was denied by the instructor, department head and associate dean. The PCOE College Council, serving as a PCOE appeal committee, met to review the grade appeal process on May 4, 2020, to recommend action to the provost. The committee voted at that time to affirm the adequacy of the process for making the appeal decision at the PCOE level by the Associate Dean for faculty and student affairs, with nine members voting to deny the appeal and one voting to abstain from the decision.
- Following a lengthy discussion and consideration of the data/information provided, Barbara Qualls moved that the PCOE College Council submit the following recommendation to Provost Steve Bullard: "After consideration of all materials presented, including the appeal letter #2 and thorough discussion of the merit of the materials, it is the conclusion of the PCOE College Council—appeal committee that the quality and quantity of student performance in the course in question warrants the award of the original grade assigned by the instructor of record." That motion died, hearing no second.
- After additional discussion, a motion to vote in deny of the appeal was made by Dustin Joubert. That motion was amended to state the PCOE College Council concludes that the quality and quantity of the student performance in the course in question warrants the award of the original grade assigned by the instructor of record and that all aspects of the final appeal by Mr. Fred Harris be denied. The motion was seconded by Leah Kahn.
 - o Live voting followed: Derek Cegelka – aye, Barbara Qualls – aye, Lydia Richardson – aye, Leah Kahn – aye, Mark Montgomery – aye, Flora Farago – aye, Dustin Joubert – abstain, Donna Fickes – aye, Rudi Johnson – aye, Arlene Turcios – aye.
 - o Motion passed with nine – aye and one – abstension. The appeal submitted March 2, 2020, by Mr. Fred Harris was denied.
 - o Dr. Abbott thanked the students for their participation.

Dr. Abbott recommended scheduling an additional meeting prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the remaining agenda items, which were not discussed due to time constraints. Committee members agreed that September 21, 2020 at 2:00 pm was the best time for the meeting.

3. **Note: to be addressed on Monday, Sept. 21, at 2 PM, via Zoom**—Agenda Item 3 – subcommittees, Item 4 - Discussion of issues around promotion and accountability for publication count for future promotions – Flora, Item 5 - Faculty Guidelines Fall 2020 – Flora, Item 6 - Permanent faculty teaching overloads vs adjuncts teaching extra sections – Flora, Item 7 Evaluation of PCOE Committee structure -- Flora

Meeting adjourned: 3:38 PM

Meeting Dates, the <2nd Monday of the month, 2:00 -3:30 AM>, McKibben 281 [note: the member names are for taking notes & developing meeting summaries]:

Monday, Sept. 14 – Lydia Richardson Monday, Sept. 21 (special mtg) – Lydia Richardson Monday, Oct. 12 – Monday, Nov. 9 – Monday, Dec. 14 – Monday, Jan. 11	Monday, Feb. 8 – Monday, Mar. 1 Monday, Apr. 12 Monday, May 10
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Subcommittee assignments

Perkins Travel subcommittee	Student Travel subcommittee
Derek Cegelka	Dustin Joubert
Leah Kahn	Mark Montgomery
Lydia Richardson	Barbara Qualls
Flora Farago	Donna Fickes