

MEETING MINUTES

Work Group:	Academic Support Subcommittee
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 23, 2012
Meeting Time:	3:30 PM
Attendees:	Osvil Acosta-Morales, Bhavesh Bambhrolia, Joan Bush, Sandra Hernandez, Todd Jones, Mary Anne Yannuzzi, Kelly Connelly
Facilitator:	Osvil Acosta-Morales
Location:	W2-3E
Topic:	Various Topics

Discussion Points

Bhavesh calls the meeting to order at 3:41 PM.

February 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes

A draft of the minutes was emailed prior to the meeting and a revised draft was sent with changes to the attendees list. The group notes two grammatical changes in the P & P 8 section. Bhavesh motions to approve the February 2, 2012 meeting minutes with corrections; motion passed unanimously.

P & P 3

The IWC approved the updated policy. Dr. Curtis has not signed it yet, but there is no indication that it will not be signed. This same workgroup is developing procedures for disciplinary action and student appeals, and is working with Ron Jackson regarding the behavioral reporting form process. When academic dishonesty is reported then there will be more to the process and academic departments will be notified.

P & P 5

The policy revisions document that was discussed at the previous meeting was also shared at department heads council. All of the feedback received from the council was positive. It is clear that this is about attendance and not poor performance; this was a concern in an earlier version of the policy. The only exception is for Distance Ed courses, where attendance is gauged by coursework submitted, but this is common practice among other institutions. The policy does not require an instructor to withdraw a student for reasons of poor attendance, but it does provide the instructor with support if they deem it necessary. Joan Bush will bring the revised policy to the Deans, and, with their approval, will be then submitted to the IWC.

P & P 8

Osvil reports that the feedback from the department heads was positive overall, but it does not affect most departments. The Math Department would like to move away from MP grades and they approve the changes. The English Department is not in agreement; it is possible that a representative could attend a future meeting but there is much opposition to the changes. There is even dispute within the department about whether the MP model should be used for 101/108 courses. The English Department disagrees with the proposed policy changes because they seem to undermine the reason for having an MP grade, and the department is very adamant about keeping the MP grade for academic progress and student moral purposes.

Representatives from the English Department and Gim Lim will be invited to the next meeting.

Adjourn at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Lang-Townsend

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 22 at 3:30 PM in room TBD.