

Community College *of* Philadelphia

1700 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Student Affairs Standing Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Rama Arab

Megan Barbano-Maxwell

Sarah Byker James

Jean Byrd

Claudia Curry

Sandy Harrill

Lisa Johnson

Derrick Perkins

Nikki Sarpolis

Brenda Torres

Ayanna Washington

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Call to order at 3:32 pm by Nikki Sarpolis

Introduction of Committee members and welcome of new member, Rama Arab, SGA Second Vice President. She is a Health Care Studies major who will transfer to Temple University fall 2021.

II. Approval of Minutes for Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Approved.

III. Old Business

- A. Academic Integrity Policy – Sandy reported that Nicole Duncan-Kinard did lots of research. The big issue is to examine the current policy and write something that is grounded in reality rather than fiction. What Sandy shared today, is a draft with revisions made by this Committee last year.

The goal is to make the process more accessible to faculty and students; something that folks can interpret on their own. Was cheating purposeful or accidental? Where in the violations does it note that students pulling papers out is cheating. Where does this fit? How is proof of what happened provided? Are students cheating via cell phones. How do we reconcile from faculty's standpoint?

What violations fit under class I and class II? Is class I handled in class and II handled inhouse? What would be more meaningful than class I and II? Is it enough for faculty to see the phone in a student's hands? The challenge is to define class I and II.

Suggestions for the new draft:

- Policies about cheating should be included in the syllabus. Lisa, Jean and Sarah volunteer to work with Sandy.
- Move the definition of academic integrity up in the document. Define scholarship.
- Does faculty have the option to not report if they choose to handle violations directly with student? No? Would this change under new policy? No. The intent is to make sure that faculty has the ability to handle things inhouse. Preserve faculty's right to do so. But they can report any violation, I or II; Egregious or plain mistake. Minors can happen repeatedly. Report or not report. Review this again. Faculty has the right to handle on their own. Should they notify college that they are handling egregious cases?

B. Restorative Justice

University of PA has a Restorative Justice Center.

Sarah's overview of past discussions:

- Reached out to members of this committee who volunteered to work serve on the sub-committee. How much should the committee report back to the Standing Committee as they work?
- What is needed is formal training for people who would be running conferences. First steps - find money for training, engage in capacity building, find people who can manage the process with students, assemble a cohort of five to 10 people trained to facilitate conferences or one-on-one. Sarah participated in a two-day training, but felt that it was not enough.
- Sub Committee will discuss what needs to happen to get it off the ground and the vision of what it would look like at the College, and who should do the training.
- Report out at the January 2021 meeting and include discussion of a budget.
- Committee volunteers - Derrick, Brenda, Ayanna, Richard Frei, Kathryn and Sarah – can check out the link at the University of San Diego, the institution that trains colleges.
- Also reach out to the University of PA for their building blocks.

IV. New Business

The Grade Appeal Policy has been reviewed and approved by the Academic Support Committee. It will be presented to IWC on Monday, December 21, 2020 by David. Nikki will send a copy to Claudia for distribution to this Committee.

V. Adjournment – 4:05 pm