



The Smart Choice!

Academic Standards Committee Meeting

January 10, 2019

Attendees: Kam Todd, Alex Brehm, Jeanne Hamer, Rosie Leno, Sue Orchard, Nichole Seroshek, Mary Leach, Rick Swee, Louis Lapierre, David McCarthy

Guests: Kali Brandt, Karen Joiner

Absent: NA

Discussed six student petitions as well as a blanket petition.

Karen Joiner presented the AN-DTA Nursing program decision tree. The nursing department and registration have created a decision tree showing common standards of what students take and how particular credits are accepted. It was presented to the committee to seek support for registration. Should these types of cases come to the Academic Standards committee or should they continue to use the decision tree?

- The nursing department cannot waive one credit (they can round up with they have a .5) so they are seeking reasonable substitutions to account for that one credit.
 - A lot of these are not substitutes, it is just looking at what they have that would cover the requirements
- Anything outside of this decision tree will come to the committee for approval.
- How can we package the courses so that they meet requirements - not substitute.
- The only area of true substitution is the psychology requirement. Oftentimes, students transfer in psych classes that do not have the same credits but it does cover the intent of the degree. Not just any psych class would be accepted but if a few of the classes could be pieced together to meet the requirement.

Question:

Is there a diversity requirement in this?

- No, it is on the program planner.

Committee Decision: The committee agreed to the decision tree.

Grade Changes

- I is considered a grade until the coursework is completed or not completed and then it would change accordingly.

- The question is, why is the committee deciding on whether or not a faculty's grade change is acceptable or not.
 - Karen was fine with the committee leaving the decision making up to the faculty and registration and not come to the committee to decide.
 - What happens if the faculty is not present to change the grade for the student?
 - There is a policy in place for the student if they complete the paperwork and the faculty is not there or if the student does not complete the work needed.
- There was some faculty abuse and that is why the grade changes were to be given to the committee for review.

Committee Decision: tabled the grade change discussion until the next meeting so that faculty can talk with the departments. Using the form should be enforced (with the reason for the grade change filled out) before the committee will decide whether they will review grade changes.

Instructor Initiated Withdrawal - looking at activity log in Canvas, if student did not log-in then they are withdrawn. But the activity will show for the first week of classes. There is a lot of confusion over this and more information will be gathered from registration.

Grade Changes: All petitions were approved based on incomplete form being filled out to change the grade after work was turned in to the instructor within the appropriate amount of time.

Committee Meeting Adjourned.