



Educational Policies Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, 17 October 2016

Ex-Officio Members present (or represented): Faculty Senate Chair Deborah C. Smith; Deans James K. Bracken, Barbara A. Broome, Mark A. Kretovics (representing Associate Dean Alicia R. Crowe), Mark S. Mistur, Robert G. Sines, Melody J. Tankersley (representing Provost Todd A. Diacon), Deborah F. Spake; Associate Deans Danielle S. Coombs, Jeffrey S. Hallam (representing Dean Sonia A. Alemagno), Mary Ann Haley (representing Dean James L. Blank), Cynthia R. Stillings (representing Dean John R. Crawford-Spinelli); Assistant Director Susan Peti

Ex-officio Members not present (or represented): Deans Donald F. Palmer, Eboni J. Pringle, Amy L. Reynolds, Nathen Ritchey; Senior Associate Dean Vincent J. Hetherington; Associate Deans Janis H. Crowther, Robert D. Hisrich, Stephen A. Mitchell, Richmond R. Netty, Wendy A. Umberger, William T. Willoughby; Assistant Dean Kenneth J. Burhanna; Interim Director Jeffrey W. Fruit

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives present (or represented): Professor Donald L. White; Assistant Professor Terrence L. Uber

Faculty Senate-Appointed Representatives not present (or represented): Professors Jay M. Jahangiri, Susan J. Roxburgh, Robin R. Selinger; Associate Professors Soumitra Basu, Farid S. Fouad, Zhiqiang M. Wang; Assistant Professors Vinay K. Cheruvu, Amy Fritsche, James E. Seelye

Council Representatives present (or represented): Professors Lindsay C. Baran, David (Blake) B. Stringer; Associate Professors Catherine E. Goodall, Robert D. Sturr, Jonathan F. Swoboda; Assistant Professors Insook Kim, Melissa D. Zullo

Council Representatives not present (or represented): Professors Michael W. Chunn, Nichole L. Egbert-Scheibelhoffer, Debra S. Shelestak, Jonathan B. VanGeest; Associate Professors Pamela K. Evans, Jan C. Leach, Richard L. Mangrum, Jayaram (Jay) Muthuswamy, Stacy R. Rose, Athena Salaba; Assistant Professors Yea-Jyh (Kathy) Chen, Jonathan P. Fleming, Mary A. Mooney, Timothy L. Scarnecchia, Belinda S. Zimmerman

Observers present: Undergraduate Student Government Director of Academic Affairs Natalia Roman

Observers not present: Graduate Student Senate Vice Executive Chair Mark Rhodes

Consultants and Guests present: Jennifer S. Kellogg, Jennifer L. Rogers, Matthew M. Rollyson, Charity L. Snyder, Kathleen J. Spicer, Linnea A. Stafford, Therese E. Tillet, Aimee J. Van Domelen, Devdatta Yogi, Catherine M. Zingrone

Senior Associate Provost Melody J. Tankersley called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m., on Monday, 17 October 2016, in the Governance Chambers of the Kent Student Center.

Undergraduate EPC Action Item 1: Revision of Dismissal policy for undergraduate students. Revision includes clarifying that the policy applies to all students in their first semester at Kent State (including College Credit Plus students); subjecting students to dismissal if they earn below a 2.000 overall GPA with 90 or more GPA hours; and limiting dismissal for students who earn a specific number of credit hours of failed coursework only to those in their first semester or on academic probation.

Interim Associate Dean Alicia R. Crowe moved for approval of the item, and the motion was seconded by Assistant Professor Terrence L. Uber.

An EPC member asked if the dismissal process will be the same for a College Credit Plus (CCP) student taking just one class as opposed to a student taking multiple classes. Senior Associate Provost Tankersley explained that the process will be the same, no matter how many courses were taken, but emphasized that the student would be under review and not necessarily dismissed. The process is designed to set up a line of communication with the student. Assistant Dean Charity L. Snyder added that the university works closely with Ohio Department of Education to ensure Kent State's policy language is consistent with state policies for CCP. Assistant Dean Snyder also stated that each CCP student is assigned an advisor, who works with the student and a representative from the student's high school.

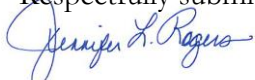
An EPC member raised a question on the consequences if a student is dismissed. As a junior, the student may not be ready for college-level classes, but as a senior, the student may be ready but is already been dismissed due to his/her overall GPA. Senior Associate Provost Tankersley stated there are various ways to handle the dismissal process, with the most common being to sit out a year. Assistant Dean Snyder added that every student has the right to appeal a dismissal decision.

An EPC member asked if the high school students have to go through the application process for enrollment. Assistant Dean Snyder confirmed that CCP students do go through the application process for enrollment.

Members did not have any additional questions or discussion, and the item was passed unanimously.

Senior Associate Provost Tankersley adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer L. Rogers
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Office of the Provost