

May 2, 2017

Dear Provost Hugetz and Senate President Ashe:

The attached table provides a rendering of APC's progress during the 2016-2017 academic year. Much of our efforts involved working closely with the Graduate Council, piecing together a series of five stand-alone graduate policy proposals, three of which were passed, signed by the president, and posted. In addition to these new policies, the graduate portions of the 03A08 were removed, thus eliminating the "amnesty" option for graduate students. The graduate grading system policy (03B04) and the Graduate Policies and Program Documentation policy (03B01) were proposed by the Graduate Council, endorsed by the APC, submitted to the Faculty and Senate, and are ready for AAC review during the forthcoming 2017-18 academic year.

Undergraduate grading system (03A04) was reviewed by the APC. Taking onboard the input from the Registrar, some edits were made to the "incomplete" and "withdrawal" sections. During the comment phase, Lourdes Ledesma and Tommy Thomason indicated that neither WM grade nor the process for obtaining a Title IX "incomplete grade" should be inserted in the policy. I planned on bringing these points forward during the AAC review phase.

With regard to 03A04, the APC discussed the issue of students retaking courses with Dr. Waller, who presented repeat data at the policy retreat. In the spring, the APC revisited this proposal and, after getting input from the Advising Council, voted in support of the three strikes rule (two repeats). Both 03A04 and 03B04 are ready to be placed before the AAC at the start of the 2017-18 academic year.

The APC also reviewed 03A35, with an eye toward lowering the ceiling for "undeclareds" --or cycling within a "major of interest" designation--from 90SCHs to 60 SCHs. The committee also cleaned-up some of the vague language in order to enhance clarity and adjusted the dual degree section in order to ensure that students can indeed double major within a BS and a BA degree and still graduate within 120 SCHs. These policy proposals have been put before the faculty via Qualtrics and the deadline for comments is September 14, 2017. With this feedback, the APC will be ready for the September 19 senate meeting (or any subsequent senate meeting selected by the senate president).

Last, following Dr. Khoja's request, the committee ratified the emergency policies that were posted last summer (03A12 and 03A32).

It was a busy year and I thank the committee members for all of their hard work and diligence in working through the abovementioned policies: J Ahmad; C. Birchak, G. Evans; D Fulton, S. Hashemi; S. Koshkin; W. Nowak; A. Pavelich; B. Pohl, and R. Quander. It was an honor for me to work with this team. I also want to thank Ms. Ledesma, Dr. LeGrande, Mr. Tommy Thomason, and Mr. Richard Selvera for their assistance and input. Last, we are grateful to Ms. Lucy Bowen, Mr. Mik Yegiyanyan, and Dr. Faiza Khoja who provided guidance and assistance throughout the year.

Best Regards,



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