Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards

Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (12:30 p.m.) via Webex
Approved March 30, 2022

Attending: 42
Voting Members: 30 (21 = required for quorum & majority)
Lisa Armistead, Jaye Atkinson, Deniz Ballero, Perry Binder, Jacobus Boers, Michelle Brattain, Scott Burke, Carol Cohen, Renee Creel, Antara Dutta, Patrick Freer, Chandra French, Stephanie Garofalo, Gerald Gay, Kathryn Grant, Shuguang Hong, Michael Lewis, Joe Magliano, Lita Malveaux, Chester Phillips, Bruce Pilling, Jay Rajiva, Traciene Ravita, Barbara Robertson, Peter Roessle, Michael Sanseviro, David Stinson, Bethany Turner-Livermore, Marc Zayac
Guests: 13

I. Call to Order (12:31 p.m.)

II. Approval of minutes from meeting on September 15, 2021
Motion to Approve: Chester Phillips; Second: Jacobus Boers
Approved (23 to 0)

III. New Business
Proposal – Global Scholar @ Perimeter Distinction
Presenters: Lauri Goodling, Associate Dean of International Initiatives
Diana Wrenn-Rapp, Assistant Director, Atlanta Global Studies Center
This proposal would establish a “Global Scholar @ Perimeter” distinction for students in associates-level programs who, upon award of the degree, have completed the specified course work. Discussion initially centered on a rationale for and overview of the proposal. Subsequent discussion led to the presenters agreeing to amend the proposal to clarify that World Languages courses at the 1002 level and higher would be included. Many members spoke to the value of this signifier of distinction.
Motion to Approve as Amended: Michelle Brattain; Second: Lisa Armistead
Approved as amended (Approved 24 to 0)

IV. Other Business and/or Discussion

Information Item #1: Academic Standing Updates & Petition Process
Discussion on this item was postponed due to a scheduling conflict that prevented the attendance of the presenter. Committee members were advised to expect an email communication about this item; the intent will likely be to establish a working group charged with developing a policy proposal before the February or March meetings of the Admissions & Standards Committee.
Information Item #2: Recent, Substantive Changes to Graduate Admissions Notification: Lisa Armistead, Dean, Graduate School

This information item provided notice to the Admissions & Standards Committee of recent substantive changes to graduate admissions policies. Dean Armistead related the background of this notification requirement, set in policy upon expansion in 2016 of the Committee’s oversight to include graduate admissions and standards. Dean Armistead shared the list of changes as approved by programs, then by their Schools/Colleges, and then by members of the bodies specified in the policy. A few questions from committee members centered on how to discern applicant quality without GRE scores, for instance. Patrick Freer noted that the placement of this item on the agenda resulted in discovery that the related policy, though in effect, is not found on the GSU website. Nor, it turns out, have the Senate Bylaws been updated to include the change in the Admissions & Standards Committee responsibility for graduate admissions and standards. These will be investigated and resolved.

V. Adjournment (1:03 PM)