

Minutes

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

In Attendance: Debbie Barbeau, Fr. Michael Barber, Elizabeth Ciesla, E. J. Boyd, Richard Gillingham, Lisa Dorsey, Susan Fanale, Patricia Gregory, Jay Haugen, Riyadh Hindi, Lisa Israel, Richard J. Hubert, Debra Lohr, Kevin P. Hetherington, An P. Bhojra, David K. Keeney, Greg Maggione, John Welch, Kathleen J. Hitt

Guests: Shawn McCaw, Cari Wickliffe

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The minutes from the October 2 meeting were approved with a correction noted.

New Federal Regulations for Satisfactory Academic Progress

Cari Wickliffe and Shawn McCaw outlined the new federal regulations for satisfactory academic progress that go into effect on July 1, 2013 and how these changes will affect SGA students. The new federal regulations want documentation on student progress. Undergraduate students must complete 67% of 150% program per semester. Graduate students must meet SGA requirements to be eligible to receive federal aid. Satisfactory Academic Progress students must meet SGA requirements to be eligible to receive his/her merit and/or need based institutional aid. A student who falls below a 70 GPA gets into warning status that lasts for one semester. Federal aid is available to a student during the warning semester. Students who do not meet SGA requirements after one warning semester are moved to a fail status and are no longer eligible for federal aid. The following steps should be followed in this process. The student is responsible for notifying the academic advisor. The student must complete form #15 and have it signed by his/her academic advisor. If the student's appeal is denied, the federal aid will not be granted that semester. However, if the appeal is granted, the student will be eligible to receive federal aid.

Transfer students are also affected by the new regulations. If a student retakes a class, he may use federal funds to pay for retaking the class. However, if the student takes a class and then decides to retake the course, federal funds cannot be used. If a student is in a program that is classified as a degree program, then federal funds can be used to retake the course.

Backdated withdrawals are the driver for tuition refunds. Refund amounts will be based on the last day the student attended class.

Students do receive notification of their status via emails and letters. Institutional scholarship does not affect federal aid.

Update on Undergraduate Academic Funding Review

Jay Haugen presented an update on Academic Policy Review. If a student graduates and wants to return for a second major, the committee found that larger institutions do not allow their students to do this. However, smaller institutions have no issue with their students returning. Saint Louis University does allow students to be readmitted and receive financial aid if it is not awarded to those students.

Jay asked for feedback on how to handle students who are dismissed from a particular program but not from the university. He is not comfortable with allowing intra-university transfers.

Updates:

- a. Wilmington PE - Dr. White stated the UAC will be a subcommittee chair. For more information on the program proposal, Dr. Quabling will be addressing this concern at the November 14th UAAC meeting.
- b. GIS Certificate - Drs. Walamu and Dannevik will attend in the November 12th faculty subcommittee meeting to answer any questions concerning the proposal for a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems.
- c. University Level Student Learning Outcomes - Dr. Whitt and the SLO committee held five open forums in October across all campuses. The committee is revising the draft and incorporating feedback received. The final draft will be presented to GAD for approval and to the RCE. More information will be available in the coming weeks.
- d. SGA - Kirby announced that SGA has voted to confer with the President and the administration.

The meeting adjourned at 10am